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This Kids Count report examines statewide trends in the well-being of Illinois' children, focusing on the impact of communities on children. The statistical portrait is based on 14 indicators of well-being: (1) uninsured children; (2) infant mortality; (3) low birth weight; (4) violent death and injury; (5) early childhood education; (6) high school dropout rates; (7) family income; (8) families receiving welfare assistance; (9) child support enforcement; (10) tax policy; (11) new families at risk; (12) teen pregnancy; (13) child abuse and neglect; and (14) children in foster and substitute care. The report outlines an action agenda that involves improving health care, encouraging learning beginning at birth, promoting economic security, strengthening vulnerable families, and collaborating toward a vision for children. The report also describes the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods and highlights several other community programs addressing areas of concern. The bulk of the document is comprised of data tables delineating countywide data on the indicators. Findings indicate that in 10 areas of child well-being, Illinois ranks thirty-fourth among the states, an improvement over the 1998 ranking of 38. Illinois has a high percentage of children lacking health insurance, the second highest rate of high school dropouts in the Midwest, and the eleventh highest median income among the states. Fifteen percent of Illinois children are in a "high risk" category--the highest rate in the Midwest, though still lower than California or New York. (HTH)

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## About Voices for Illinois Children

Voices for Illinois Children champions the full development of every child in Illinois to assure the future well-being of the people of the state. We work with families, communities and policy makers to ensure that all children grow up healthy, nurtured, safe and well educated.

Voices is a non-profit, non-partisan, citizen-based advocacy group addressing problems faced by Illinois children and their families. Through research, public education and coalition building, Voices generates support from civic, business and community leaders for cost-effective proposals to improve the lives of Illinois children. Jerome Stermer is the President of Voices for Illinois Children, and Lorraine Barba is the Chair of the Board.

Voices for Illinois Children dedicates this report to all the individuals who make an impact on the lives of children, including parents, teachers, family members, volunteers, advocates – and all who help children cross the bridge to adulthood through examples of caring, patience, creativity and humor.

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# Communities Helping Families

When we talk about the challenges facing kids, and strategies for improving their opportunities, we usually focus first on the role of the family. There are many reasons: Parents and families are the child's first teacher, role model and protector. Families have enormous influence on children—and on the conditions in which children are raised. If we are interested in improving outcomes for children, there is no better place to start than the family.

After family, the discussion often turns to the responsibilities of government. While we may debate endlessly on the extent of the government's role, we generally agree there are things that government and policy makers can do to support families in helping children.

But there is another part of society that plays a crucial role in the lives of children—communities. Strong, stable communities are often the key to fighting poverty and increasing opportunities for children. In contrast, communities with concentrated poverty tend to have problems such as higher crime rates and increased isolation and vulnerability for children and families.

When we examine the impact of communities on children, one of the first challenges we face is defining the idea of community. A community can be an entire city or town, or neighbors living within a few blocks. There are communities of parents, teachers, service providers, advocates, ethnic groups, business leaders, clergy and others. Our sense of community can be based on where we live and work, the schools our children attend, our place of worship, and many different elements.

Defining communities is even harder because most of us belong to several communities, which overlap and interact. And if it is difficult to define communities, it is even more difficult to describe all the ways they can improve the lives of children.

Some communities come together to support their members through local volunteer programs and service organizations. Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard in Freeport and Students Offering Services in Decatur are just two examples of those programs profiled in this *Illinois Kids Count*.

Communities also get involved through collaborations, like the diverse group—police, probation officers, ministers, social workers, academics and others—who joined together in Boston, Massachusetts to turn back the tide of youth gun violence. From 1990 to 1997, their innovative efforts helped reduce the number of homicide victims under age 24 by nearly 80%.

Sometimes new communities form around common ideals, like the hundreds of people who came together in February 1999 to talk about the responsibilities we share toward the children of our state. They laid the foundation for the new *Charter for Illinois Children*—a tool for uniting communities, organizations and individuals around actions that will help all children thrive and succeed.

While it may not be easy to pin down the nature of community involvement, it is easy to see its importance. Communities have an essential role in the interwoven networks that support our children, improve the conditions they face, and increase their opportunities for success.

This year, the *Illinois Kids Count* attempts to explore some of the work that communities are doing to help children, and to clarify the importance of community in the lives of kids. We've included an interview (on page 3) with John Holton, director of the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods—probably the largest study ever conducted on the impact of local community structures.

This *Illinois Kids Count* also profiles a variety of individuals and organizations that have come together to make a difference for children and families in their cities, towns, counties and neighborhoods. We hope other communities can use these examples as models for similar efforts around the state.

The importance of community involvement is also the reason behind the biggest change in this *Illinois Kids Count*. The indicators of child well-being are presented on pages for each county—so that parents, neighbors and local leaders can more easily see the conditions facing children in their community. (While most counties include many different communities, counties are the smallest unit for which data is readily available.) By concentrating this information on the local level, we hope to help many more groups join together to foster positive change in their communities.

Our focus on communities shouldn't be seen as an indication that they are more important than families or state policy makers. Each of these groups plays an essential role in the lives of children. Families, communities and policy makers have already done a great deal to make kids count in Illinois, but there is much more that needs to be done. By working together, we can meet many of the challenges that still lie ahead.

# Why Communities Matter:

## The Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods

An extensive—and ongoing—study in Chicago neighborhoods reveals some interesting evidence about why communities matter. The Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods is a multi-year study designed to track the social and behavioral development of children in different neighborhoods.

The researchers surveyed over 8,700 residents in 343 neighborhoods. Participants were asked questions such as whether they thought their neighbors could be counted on to intervene if children were skipping school or showing disrespect to an adult. Other questions involved whether they felt their neighborhood was "close-knit," and whether their neighbors got along.

*Illinois Kids Count* discussed the study with Project Director John Holton.

**Kids Count: What has your study revealed about neighborhoods and communities?**

*Holton:* What this study did is simply ask: Is there something other than census data that can better inform what we know about the relationship between communities and crime? We know that communities are important, but we wanted to know more about why they're important. We wanted to focus on the informal ways that communities are organized, to see what we could learn about the impact of those informal structures.

Our questions were designed to measure different factors—like cohesion among neighbors, trust among neighbors, and reciprocity between neighbors. These factors combine to make what we call "collective efficacy," which is essentially a measurement of how much a group is willing or able to work together.

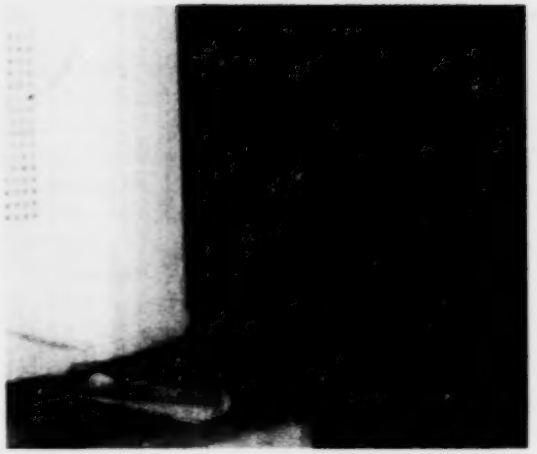
We found that collective efficacy varies considerably across Chicago neighborhoods, and where it is high, rates of street crime and violence are low. In fact, neighborhoods that had high collective efficacy were 40 percent less likely to have street crime and violence than neighborhoods with low collective efficacy.

**KC: Are there lessons your study offers for local community leaders, and for people working on issues like education and public health?**

*Holton:* High levels of community efficacy probably have an impact in many ways beyond reducing violence. We already know that community strength is important, because we see examples of how a stable community helps parents nurture, protect and supervise children.

In this study, we've found tremendous variations among neighborhoods in their willingness and capacity to care for the children in the area. Those variations are certainly influenced by factors like residential stability and resources, but they're also influenced by the internal factors like trust and reciprocity.

One clear lesson is that cohesion, trust and reciprocity are essential, and we really ought to be encouraging the informal growth of these factors. Who helps build these things? Does it get done by community organizers? By churches? By CAPS programs and soccer teams?



*John Holton*

Leaders from all segments of the community can be encouraged to think about the ways we can encourage the growth of informal community strength, especially in neighborhoods undergoing transitions, including those experiencing gentrification, demolition of public housing, or a flux of immigrants. Developers, community groups, local government ... everyone needs to work together to promote the informal factors that foster stability in a neighborhood.

When you have collective efficacy, crime is low. How do we build on each of the three variables that equal collective efficacy? Trust alone isn't enough. Reciprocity alone isn't enough. Neighborhood cohesion isn't enough. I think it's a fascinating equation.

**KC: Are there lessons from your study for policy makers and leaders of state government?**

*Holton:* How do we address collective efficacy in our policy questions? How do we make it a central part of school reform in Chicago, for example? Schools may be thinking in terms of building a community within the school, but are they thinking enough about the school's role in the greater community around it—about their role in the neighborhood?

Also, it's important to note that we found impoverished neighborhoods that had real strengths. It's obviously easier when a neighborhood has resources, but it's crucial that they have stability, regardless of their racial makeup or income level.

We can't let the concept of collective efficacy overshadow other social and ecological factors. At the same time that they should join in the efforts to nurture community trust and cohesion, policy makers need to continue trying to help neighborhoods become economically stable.

*For more information on the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods call 312-879-0889, or contact John Holton at 312-663-3520 or jholton@preventchildabuse.org.*

# Child Health and Well-Being

The conditions facing children are often interconnected, and nowhere is this more clear than in issues of health. Good health is the foundation for physical, intellectual and emotional development, both in the short-term and the long-term. A child who grows up healthy will have a much better chance at succeeding in school, finding or keeping a job and leading a productive adult life.

While most Illinois children have access to health care and a good chance at growing up healthy, too many do not. Barriers to proper health care include lack of income, a shortage of providers in some communities, and a lack of recognition of the importance of preventive care. This section explores several key indicators of child health and well-being.

## UNINSURED CHILDREN

One of the most important barriers to quality health care is the lack of health insurance.

Estimates based on the U.S. Census indicate that over 358,000 children in Illinois (about 10%) are uninsured.[1] Nationally, about 14% of children have no health insurance, a rate that has been fairly consistent since 1987.

Children without health insurance are less likely to visit a physician, less likely to receive needed medical and dental care, and consequently, more likely to suffer from long-term health problems.[2]

In order to provide better health care for children of low-income working families, in 1998 Illinois policy makers created the KidCare child health insurance program to supplement Medicaid and provide comprehensive, affordable health insurance to children in families up to 185% of poverty ($2,536 monthly income for a family of four).

However, enrollment in KidCare (and in similar child health insurance programs in other states) has been slower than expected. As of August 1999, only 38,288 Illinois children were enrolled in the program. A recent study conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago for the Illinois Department of Public Aid estimated that more than 190,000 Illinois children are eligible for Medicaid or KidCare, but are still uninsured.[3]

Responding to the slow enrollment, the state has taken steps to simplify the application process and increase public awareness about KidCare.

Several community programs around the state are also working to improve KidCare outreach efforts. For example, the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition is coordinating the "Covering Kids Illinois" project, in which public schools, libraries, hospitals and child care centers are collaborating to increase KidCare enrollment.

## INFANT MORTALITY AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

The death rate of infants under 1 year is a well-established health measure, often connected to problems such as poor health care, inadequate nutrition, and unsafe home environments.

Infant mortality rates in Illinois have declined in recent years, but not as fast as the decline in national infant mortality rates. Illinois still has one of the highest infant mortality rates among the states, ranking 42nd in 1996.

- Nationally, the infant mortality rate declined from 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1996 to 7.1 per 1,000 in 1997.[4]
- In Illinois, the infant mortality rate declined from 8.4 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1996 to 8.1 per 1,000 live births in 1997.
- In the five-year period from 1993-97, four counties—Cook, Marshall, St. Clair and Vermillion—had infant mortality rates exceeding 10 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- Six counties—Bureau, Franklin, Iroquois, Knox, McHenry, and Rock Island—saw their infant mortality rate decrease by more than 30% between 1988-92 and 1993-97.

Recognizing that communities can play a key role in reducing infant mortality, the

*Sources: Illinois Department of Public Health (www.idph.state.il.us/) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics*

Healthy Start program at the Mother and Child Center in East St. Louis formed an advisory council of local service providers to discuss issues affecting families' access to health care. The Chicago Health Connection's Doula Project is working to reduce infant mortality and child abuse and neglect by training women in the community to provide pregnancy and childbirth support to adolescent mothers.

While the infant mortality rate in Illinois continues to improve, another important measure of poor infant health—the low birth-weight rate—is getting worse. Babies with low birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds) have significantly higher mortality rates than babies born at normal weight. In addition, they face many more problems and developmental delays during infancy and at later stages of life.

While one reason for the recent rise in low birth-weight rates is the growing number of twins and other multiple births, other causes include poor prenatal care and mothers engaging in high-risk behaviors such as smoking and drug or alcohol consumption.

- Nationally, there are approximately 250,000 low birth-weight babies born each year. In 1997, the national low birth-weight rate was 7.5%—the highest rate in 20 years.[3]
- In 1993-97, the low birth-weight rate in Illinois was 8%, an increase of 3.9% from 1988-92. Illinois low birth-weight rates have been increasing steadily since the mid-1980s.
- In 1993-97, Alexander County had the highest low birth-weight rate at 11.5%, while Jo Daviess County had the lowest rate at 3.7%.
- In two counties—Jo Daviess and Marshall—the low birth-weight rate declined by more than 24% from 1988-92 to 1993-97.

### VIOLENT DEATH AND INJURY

Too many children in Illinois do not live long enough to realize their full potential because of fatalities associated with violence (homicides, suicides and accidents). Violent deaths of children are a public health concern not only because of the lost potential, but because so many of these deaths are preventable.

Between 1994 and 1997, 4,949 Illinois children ages 1-18 died—a rate of 15.1 deaths per 10,000 children. 3,531 (71.4%) of these deaths were considered violent, and 1,007 (20.4%) were gun-related.

- In 1994-97, 15 Illinois counties had five or more gun-related child deaths.
- In five counties—Cook, Franklin, Jackson, White, and Williamson—more than 80% of child deaths between 1994-97 were due to homicide, suicide, or accident.
- In four counties—Jackson, Lee, McDonough and Randolph—the child death rate increased by more than 60% between 1990-93 and 1994-1997.

The rate of non-fatal firearm injuries is also alarming, and clarifies the impact of guns on youth. Ongoing national research from the Violence Policy Center shows that non-fatal firearm injuries treated in hospital emergency departments outnumber firearm fatalities by nearly three to one. For every child who dies in an unintentional shooting, an estimated 10 children are treated for non-fatal unintentional gunshot wounds.[4]

## Communities at Work: Agape Care Center

The Agape Care Center of Whiteside County is a collaboration in the truest sense. Connie Cato, a local nurse, had always seen a need for a free health clinic in Whiteside County, a farming community where many people are uninsured. Connie brought the idea to Dr. Hasmukh Shah, her employer, seeking his support. "I had just returned from a trip to India," explained Dr. Shah. "I saw a free health clinic there that was getting a significant response from the community. I was inspired, and I think Connie approached me at the right time."

Next, Cato's church, the Rock River Christian Center, agreed to donate space and secretarial support. "It felt like everything was falling into place very quickly," said Cato, who worked to unite the community around the Agape Care Center.

CGH Medical Center donated all of the medical equipment. Medical supply companies donated supplies and prescription samples. A local plumber donated and installed sinks. The Welfare Council—a committee representing area social service agencies—sponsored promotional events. Local medical practitioners agreed to volunteer their services.

The Agape Care Center opened in 1997, and served 540 people in 1998. Their services have been crucial to the healthy development of children in Whiteside County. "We focus on preventive care for children," explained Dr. Shah. "We have channeled parents to locations for immunizations and other help, we have tried to prevent hearing loss and detect early asthma, and we have made parents aware of KidCare."

"In the beginning, people were skeptical. They would think, 'It's in a church and it's free. What do they want?'" said Tamme Akridge, whose children have been served by the clinic. "But they have more people that they help each week. Even though many parents work like I do, when children get sick, it can be very draining on a family's budget."

The success of the Agape Center brought the Governor's Cup—an annual award for community work—to Whiteside County. Agape demonstrates the impact one person can have on her community, and the impact a cohesive community effort can have on its residents. "I hope this inspires others because this is a much-needed service," said Cato, "and it can be done."

For more information, contact the Agape Care Center at 815-625-4554.

Firearm use places a tremendous monetary burden on health agencies at the state and local level. In 1998, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley filed a lawsuit against gun manufacturers and distributors, seeking monetary compensation for costs incurred by Cook County between 1994 and 1998. The lawsuit seeks damages of over $358 million, including $50 million to cover the Cook County Bureau of Health's costs for treating firearm victims.

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# Education and Child Care

Education is the keystone to success in life, and our children have a much greater chance at achieving success if they are encouraged to learn beginning at birth. Parents are the child's first teachers, and have enormous opportunities—and responsibilities—to give children a good foundation for learning. Later in life, our schools take a primary role in education—although too many schools in Illinois still lack the resources they need to give children the training, encouragement and tools to succeed.

A third essential role in the education of many children is played by child care centers and homes, but many community leaders and policy makers still fail to recognize this important educational component, and see child care only as a service that enables parents to work.

If we want Illinois children to have the best chance at success—and Illinois to continue to thrive economically—we must support education through every stage of childhood.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Quality early childhood education programs—including child care, Head Start and PreKindergarten—can provide young children with important skills and encouragement, and can increase their chances of success in school. Many studies have demonstrated that participation in high-quality early childhood education programs has positive effects on both short-term and long-term achievement—especially for children who are at risk of school failure.

A 1999 study from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development found that children attending high quality child care centers scored higher on school readiness and language tests, and had fewer behavioral problems than their peers in other centers.

The study defined high quality centers as those that follow professional guidelines established by the American Public Health Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, including:

- Small group sizes and low child/staff ratios.
- Teachers with some post-secondary training in child development and early childhood education or a related field.[7]

Studies like this present a clear message: If we want Illinois children ready to succeed in school, we must continue to improve the quality of child care experiences that are available.

While parents have the first and largest role in preparing children for school, child care is increasingly important because many more mothers with young children are now part of the workforce. In 1947, only 12 percent of American women with children under age six were in the workforce, but that level jumped to 32% by 1970 and 62% by 1996.[8]

This trend will only continue with welfare reform. From 1997 to 1998, the number of Illinois children using state child care vouchers (provided for families with income less than half the state median) increased 40%, from 56,524 to 79,410. Nearly all of this growth came among families who had left welfare—an increase of 117%, from 17,074 to 37,118.[9]

As more parents—especially single mothers—move into the workforce, many more children will need child care, and it will be even more important to improve child care quality and help prepare those children for success in school and life.

However, recent national studies have found that less than 10% of child care—whether in centers or homes—is of high enough quality to be called educational.[10]

Child care quality must be improved, and parents cannot be expected to bear the costs of that improvement on their own. In Illinois, quality child care programs usually cost more than $150 per child per week. For many parents—especially low and middle income parents—that cost is already out of reach. Increased investments from both the public and private sector will be needed to raise child care to the level of quality that will help our children succeed.

### Child Care Accreditation

One strategy for improving the quality of child care is voluntary accreditation by independent organizations like the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The accreditation process requires centers and homes to measure up to national standards of quality, and also provides parents and communities with an independent assessment of programs they are considering.

To create incentives for accreditation, more than a dozen states have implemented higher reimbursement rates for subsidized care at accredited centers and homes. The City of Chicago took similar steps in 1998, creating a public-private partnership to help centers and homes earn accreditation and increase the reimbursement rates for accredited programs.

- There are 534 accredited child care centers and 144 accredited child care homes in Illinois—representing 6.1% of all licensed centers and homes statewide.
- Six counties—Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, McLean and Will—have 10 or more accredited child care centers or homes.

### Head Start and PreKindergarten

For children of low-income families—who are more at risk of school failure—the federal Head Start and state-funded PreKindergarten programs are especially important.

Several studies—in Illinois and nationwide—have demonstrated the benefits of these programs[11], and in recent years, Illinois has significantly increased its investment in PreKindergarten.

- In FY1998, 14% of 3-5 year-olds in Illinois were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten programs.
- In DuPage, Lake and McHenry counties, less than 5% of 3-5 year-olds were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten in FY1998.
- In Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski and Schuyler counties, at least 50% of 3-5 year-olds were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten in FY1998.

While the educational benefits of these programs are clear, most Head Start and PreKindergarten programs are only part-day and/or part-year, which can make it difficult for parents to balance them with work and transportation arrangements. As more parents leave welfare for work, it will be harder for them to keep their children enrolled in these valuable programs.

Community collaboration can help solve some of these challenges. In several parts of the state, local schools and child care programs are working together to supplement Head Start or PreKindergarten programs with child care in the same location. For example, the Heartland Head Start in Bloomington collaborates with two local child care centers to offer full-year child care services, and the Head Start program in Kankakee joined forces with the local YMCA.

Child care is an important economic issue, because it enables parents—at all income levels—to work. However, parents, community leaders and policy makers must not lose sight of child care as an educational issue, and a prime opportunity to give all our children a foundation for school achievement.

## INVESTING IN EDUCATION

While it is crucial to nurture learning beginning at birth, it is also important to continue supporting education beyond the early years. In the past few decades, public education in Illinois has been increasingly reliant on local property taxes, with state funds covering a shrinking share of costs. From 1976 to 1996, the state share of public education funding declined from 48% to 32%. As a result, schools in communities with high property values were funded two to three times more than those relying primarily on state support.

In 1997, the Illinois General Assembly enacted education funding reforms that raised the "foundation" level—the minimum funding guaranteed by the state. During the 1999 session, the legislature passed the Illinois FIRST (Fund for Infrastructure, Roads, Schools and Transit) program, which included additional increases in state funding for public education. These decisions will boost state education funding by over 47% from FY1997 to FY2000, and increase the state share of education funding to 38%. However, Illinois con-

## Communities at Work: Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center

When Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center in Peoria opened in 1993, it was the result of an extensive community collaboration. "There was a growing concern about the number of young parents who hadn't finished high school," said Sandy Burke, director of the center's Early Head Start program. "At the same time, it became clear that their children were having difficulty when they got to kindergarten."

In response, a community task force joined with the local school district and several early childhood programs to create an innovative education center to address the needs of both parents and pre-school children.

By collaborating with other service providers, the center is able to offer full-day, full-year early childhood education. "Welfare reform puts more pressure on parents to get the training they need to become employed, so a full-time program for their children is critical," said Burke. "We could never offer these extensive programs without collaborating, so it's crucial that this is a joint community effort."

Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's classrooms, and also in the on-site adult education program. "My kids see me working hard to get a better education and that encourages them to work hard in their classes," said a woman who earned her GED at Valeska Hinton and is now pursuing a 2-year degree.

Many Peoria agencies contribute time and resources to support classes in job training, GED readiness, parenting skills and nutrition. In addition, Valeska Hinton recently joined forces with a local hospital to provide on-site health care. "We set a precedent in the community by linking with a health center," said Burke. "Now, other hospitals are collaborating with schools, and immunization rates increased significantly this year. It really showed us how one program can have an impact on the community."

For more information, contact the Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center at 309-672-6810.

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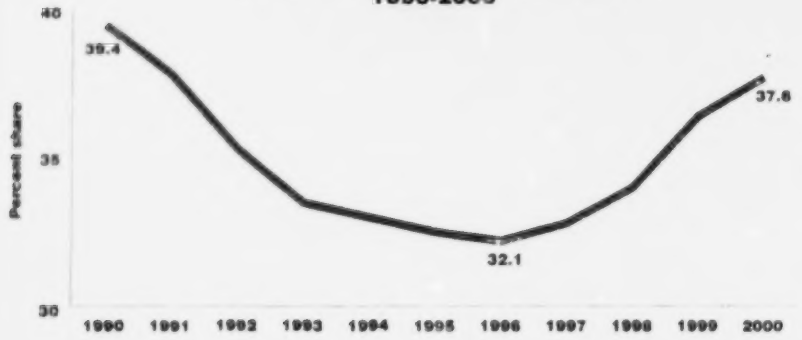
## Illinois' Falling and Rising Share of Total School Funding
### 1990-2000




Sources: Illinois State Board of Education data and Metropolitan Planning Council calculations

tinues to rely on local property taxes for the majority of public school funding.[12]

## HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

Graduating from high school does not guarantee a good job or a secure future, but a high school degree is a critical step in the right direction. Teens who drop out of high school are about three times more likely to slip into poverty than their classmates who stayed in school. In addition, as technical skills become increasingly important in the job market, the hurdles facing high school dropouts will only grow larger.

- Nationally, the high school dropout rate for students ages 16-19 has changed very little over the last ten years, holding around 10%. The Illinois rate for that age group has followed the same pattern.[13]
- The dropout rate for all Illinois high school students was 7.0% in the 1997-98 school year, a decrease from 7.3% five years earlier.
- Five counties—Effingham, Jasper, Monroe, Moultrie and Washington—had high school dropout rates below 2.5% in 1997-98.
- Ten counties had high school dropout rates higher than the state average (7.0%) in 1997-98. In three of those counties—Cook, Macon and Marion—the dropout rate decreased since 1993-94. In seven—Clay, Coles, Lawrence, Peoria, Richland, Saline and Winnebago—the rate increased.

## High School Dropout Rates
### 1997-98

## Communities at Work: Tutor/Mentor Connection

Chicago's Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) was established in 1993, when Daniel Bassill, president of a tutoring program called Cabrini Connections, saw a way for different tutoring programs to help each other. "In our attempt to establish a program in Chicago's Cabrini Green neighborhood," said Bassill, "we realized we needed support from programs that were already successfully providing tutoring."

This idea has led to a network of several hundred tutoring programs that aim to bring tutors into all areas of Chicago. "Some programs get lots of resources and attention, but we want to see all programs succeed," said Bassill. "It's not about competing for the same pot of resources. It's about working together to get resources for every child, to find ways to get programs started in neighborhoods that are underserved."

T/MC sponsors two annual conferences where tutoring programs network and share ideas. "Each program has their own insights to offer," explained Bassill. "This is an opportunity to build on each other's knowledge and come up with new ideas and models."

Bassill said one key to T/MC's success is participation from all sectors of the community. "Volunteers from businesses, religious groups, and community organizations bring new ideas and resources to our programs," said Bassill. At its annual volunteer recruitment fair, T/MC brings nearly 100 programs together to expand their volunteer base and build public awareness. T/MC has also launched a partnership with the Chicago Bar Foundation that has raised more than $250,000 for one-on-one tutoring and mentoring programs.

"If tutoring and mentoring programs can pool their resources, borrow ideas, and get the public involved, we can reach every neighborhood in Chicago," said Bassill. His vision is to see Tutor/Mentor Connection expand into a statewide network of programs, working together to make sure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

For more information about Tutor/Mentor Connection, call 312-573-8851 or check their Web site at www.tutormentorconnection.org.



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# Economic Security

One of the most significant factors in the lives of children is the economic situation in which they are raised. For years, far too many children in Illinois have grown up in poverty—and many of them have fallen behind as a result.

## POVERTY

As we continue to struggle with the challenge of helping children and families out of poverty, we also continue to learn about the negative impacts associated with growing up poor. Compared to children who live above the poverty level, poor children are:

- 1.7 times more likely to be born with low birth weight
- 3.5 times more likely to suffer from lead poisoning
- 2.0 times more likely to repeat a grade in school
- 3.1 times more likely become single, teen mothers
- 9.9 times more likely to experience hunger at least once in the past year.[14]

Overall, children who grow up in poverty are more likely to lack the resources that can help them reach their full potential.

Despite an economy that continues to improve, the number of children growing up in poverty—in Illinois and around the nation—remains frighteningly high.

- Nationally, 19% of children were living in poverty in 1997, and 8% were living in extreme poverty (with family income less than 50% of the poverty level). The national child poverty rate has been fairly consistent over the last ten years.[15]
- Nationally, 11% of white, non-Hispanic children lived in poverty in 1997, compared with 37% of black and 36% of Hispanic children.[16]
- In Illinois, over 587,000 children (18.2%) were living in poverty in 1996, when the federal poverty level was defined as annual income of $15,911 or less for a family of four. The Illinois child poverty rate has declined over the last ten years. It was 23% in 1986.
- In five counties—Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Pulaski and Saline—29% or more of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In five counties—DuPage, Grundy, Kendall, McHenry and Monroe—7.0% or less of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In urban Illinois counties, 19% of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In rural Illinois counties, 18% of children lived in poverty in 1995.

While the federal poverty level is still the most common indicator of economic difficulty, there is increasing evidence that it no longer provides a realistic estimate of the cost of living for low-income families.

Another economic measure—the Self-Sufficiency Standard—was created by the Women and Poverty Project of Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. to clarify the income a family needs to afford their basic needs. It includes several expenses that are not calculated into the federal poverty level, such as transportation, child care and taxes.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard also accounts for geographic variations in the cost of things like housing, food, and child care. As a result, while the federal poverty level is the same ($15,911 for a family of four) throughout Illinois, the Self-Sufficiency Standard reflects different costs around the state:

- In Cook County, the 1996 Self-Sufficiency Standard for a family of four was $38,497.
- In Jackson County, it was $28,370.
- In Peoria County, it was $31,651.
- In Sangamon County, it was $31,022.[17]

Neither the federal poverty level nor the Self-Sufficiency Standard can provide a complete picture of the economic difficulties facing individual families. The county profiles in this *Illinois Kids Count* include both numbers, so that readers can compare them and get a more accurate picture.

## WELFARE TO WORK: STEPS TOWARD ECONOMIC SECURITY

For the lowest-income families in Illinois, the most important economic issue is making the transition from welfare to work. Since federal welfare reform began in 1996, Illinois—like all states—has had real success moving families off the welfare program once known as AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and now known as TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.)

- There were 115,683 total TANF cases in Illinois in June 1999, a decrease of nearly


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## Communities at Work: Students Offering Services

Students Offering Services began as a project of the Decatur school district, when Volunteer Coordinator Eve Shade met with parents to discuss ways to get students more involved in the community.

Initially, the founders planned to involve members of the National Honor Society, but SOS now creates volunteer opportunities that help keep all teens in school and off the streets. Shade designed the program to serve two purposes: Helping school-age youth learn about the meaning of a career, while enriching the community through youth volunteer activities.

"I think that it's shown our community that there are a lot of teens out there doing a lot of good things," said Linda Middaugh, Coordinator of SOS. "You just hear too much about bad teens."

The success of SOS is due to the community partnerships that support it. "To be successful with a program like this, you have to be very community-aware," said Shade. The collaboration includes local non-profit organizations as well as the YWCA and Decatur schools.

Most youth work for one semester or more in a Macon County non-profit, contributing to the organizations while also gaining valuable work experience. One high school participant said, "I think this experience will help me in the future to achieve my goal as a surgeon or a lawyer." Another participant speaking at a recent Rotary Club meeting said, "I've been able to stay away from drugs, and I know that I can make something of my life."

By working together, SOS, local agencies and Decatur schools are showing many kids how they can become a positive force in their community. "Students Offering Services opens their eyes to the fact that they can make a difference, and that's how they get their pride," said Shade. "It's just changed so many kids' lives."

For more information, contact Students Offering Services at 217-423-3415.

50% since June 1996.

- There were 82,057 "Available to Work" TANF cases—which do not include cases such as new mothers or children in foster care—in Illinois in June 1999, a decrease of 51.7% since June 1996.
- There were 253,859 Illinois children receiving TANF in June 1999, a decrease of over 45% since June 1996.
- In eight counties—Cass, Edgar, Hardin, Logan, Montgomery, Moultrie, Putnam and Schuyler—the number of "Available to Work" TANF cases decreased by more than 95%. Putnam and Schuyler counties had zero cases in June 1999.
- In seven counties—Champaign, Cook, Jackson, Kankakee, Macon, Massac and St. Clair—the number of "Available to Work" TANF cases decreased by less than the 51.7% statewide reduction.
- Overall, urban counties reduced their "Available to Work" TANF caseload by 49%, while rural counties reduced their caseload by 71%.

The progress we are seeing in welfare reform is important, but it is also essential to recognize that many families who have moved off the welfare rolls still do not have the economic resources to provide for their children. A parent making minimum wage earns just $10,700 per year, which is well below the federal poverty line for a single parent with two children, and even further below the Self-Sufficiency Standard.

The negative consequences linked with poverty (an issue explored in detail in the 1998-1999 *Illinois Kids Count*) make it clear that we must continue to focus on helping Illinois families make the transition from welfare to work. We must also work to ensure that their transition leads to economic security for their children.

In Springfield, an innovative local collaboration called Jobs First is helping families with this economic transition by providing job training, case management, job development and follow-up services. Working with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Mass Transit Authority, Jobs First also created TESS (Transportation to Employment and Self-Sufficiency), a program that provides off-hour transportation services to workers.

### CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Child support is crucial to many families, and for some low-income families, it is an essential part of the "economic package" keeping them out of poverty. In FY1998, there were 803,872 child support cases in Illinois. More than 38% (308,226) were children in families receiving TANF.[18]

The child support process involves many challenges. After a case is created, paternity must be established, and then a support order must be set by the court or administrative office. Even after a family completes these steps, collecting child support payments can be difficult.

- In FY1997, there were 281,500 child support cases in Illinois in which an order was in place and the case was part of the state/federal Child Support Enforcement program. Only 146,300 (52%) received any payment.[19]

Even when child support is collected for the lowest-income families in Illinois, most of it is diverted to the state treasury. Illinois keeps most of the child support paid for families on TANF (using it to pay for the overall child support program) and provides only a $50 "pass-through" to the family. In 1998, Illinois collected more than $88 million in child support for families on TANF, yet those families received only $8.8 million.

This approach is contrary to the goals of welfare reform, because at the same time that we are working to help families move off welfare and achieve economic self-sufficiency, our child support policy withholds a crucial financial support.

Several other states have changed their child support systems to let families on TANF keep a larger share of the child support paid on their behalf. This approach puts more money in the hands of families who need it, encourages non-custodial parents to pay the child support they owe, and helps custodial parents make the transition from welfare to work.

### TAXES

Another burden for low-income working families is the Illinois tax policy, which begins taxing residents at a lower level of income than almost any other state. Among the 42 states with income taxes, Illinois has the third lowest tax threshold for families of four, and the fifth highest income tax on families at the poverty level.

In 1998, the legislature took steps to improve Illinois tax policy by increasing the personal exemption—and as a result, raising the tax threshold from $4,000 to $8,000 for a family of four. Even with that change, Illinois continues to place a substantial burden on low-income families—the same families we are encouraging to reach economic self-sufficiency.

During the 1999 session, the Illinois legislature considered—but did not pass—a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). A state EITC would work like the existing federal EITC to target low-income working families and enable them to keep more of their income.

In 1996, more than 750,000 Illinois families and individuals collected a total of over $1 billion through the federal EITC.[20] Like the federal tax credit, an Illinois EITC would be an important step toward helping more low-income families achieve economic security, and lifting more children out of poverty.

## Communities at Work: Carbondale Youth Council

The City of Carbondale formed the Carbondale Youth Council (CYC) in 1995, because "in order to develop youth programs, we need the input of the youth," said Community Youth Coordinator Jennifer Guthrie.

The 30 CYC members are junior high and high school students, appointed by their school principals. The CYC provides teens with a voice on issues relating to youth, and has become a catalyst for engaging the entire community.

Community members use the CYC for input about their work in the school system, businesses, and social service agencies. For example, a manager from the Southern Illinois University Recreation Center recently contacted the CYC for their feedback regarding SIU's new freshman orientation programs.

CYC members have also been able to build community support for local projects, including the recently established Carbondale Teen Center. "These kids worked hours and hours and presented to different boards and wrote proposals and eventually, in November of 1998, they opened the doors of their new teen center," said Guthrie. The CYC has also worked with the Mayoral Youth Action Plan Task Force to increase youth participation in city programs.

At the same time, the Council is encouraging more kids to play an active role in decisions that affect their peers. "I was surprised to find out that a lot of people had no idea what teens wanted and they were eager to hear from us," said one teen council member. Another teen said, "the council is a way for me to be an active part of the community instead of sitting on the side complaining about decisions I had nothing to do with."

For more information about the Carbondale Youth Council, contact Jennifer Guthrie at 618-549-5302.


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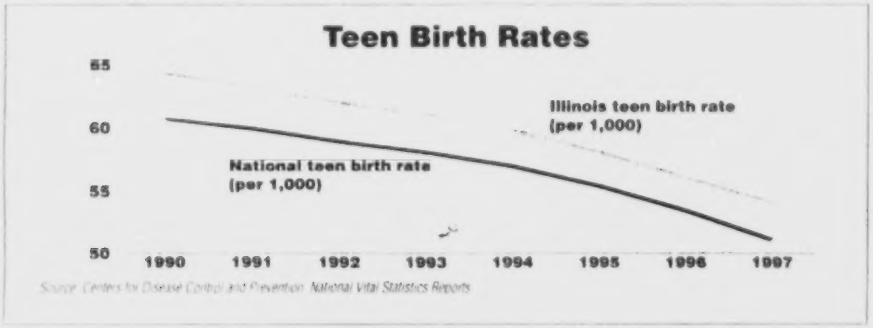
# Vulnerable Families

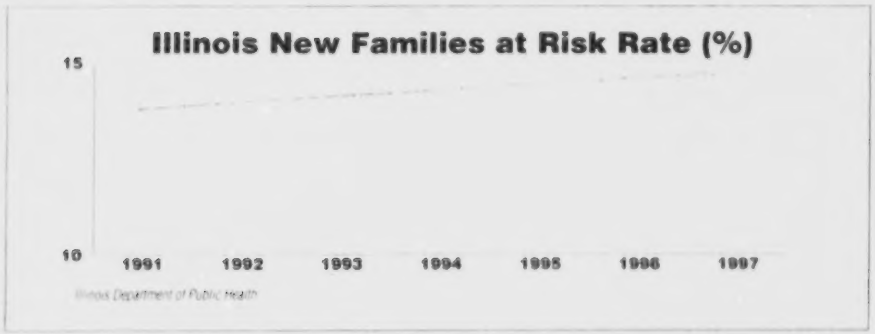
Children need strong, loving families that can provide for their basic needs and maintain a safe and healthy environment. However, some families in Illinois are especially vulnerable to stressful economic and social factors, which can put their children at high risk for abuse and neglect.

In vulnerable families, the likelihood that children will suffer physical or emotional distress is increased by problems such as early parenthood, financial hardship, substance abuse, and exposure to violence.

## NEW FAMILIES AT RISK

While having a baby poses challenges for nearly all parents, first-time parents are especially vulnerable, particularly when they are young and single. A young, single mother may not have the maturity, income, or parenting skills she needs, and she and her baby may both face long-term difficulties as a result.




## Communities at Work: AWARE Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

DuPage County MYM (MELD for Young Mothers) was founded in 1984 as a program to support young mothers, and has developed into a vehicle for uniting community organizations to improve the state of families in DuPage County.

"In 1993, we noticed that teen pregnancy was on the rise in DuPage County," explained Becky Beilfuss, who helped launch MYM's teen pregnancy prevention program, called AWARE. "A social worker from Hinsdale South High School mentioned the need for programs in the schools to one of MYM's founders, and the idea took off." To create AWARE, MYM collaborated with three other community organizations, and recruited participants from their parenting programs as volunteer peer mentors for the students.

AWARE's focus is promoting abstinence. The Care and Counseling Center begins the four-day presentation by discussing healthy decision-making about sexual activity. The DuPage County Health Department follows by defining terms and emphasizing the impact of sexually transmitted diseases. In the third part of the program, a YWCA representative focuses on sexually abusive relationships. Finally, said Prevention Program Coordinator Marnie Bittman, the program "brings the kids back to reality when the peer mentors tell their stories."

"The discussion really hits the students," said Beilfuss. "It's an awakening for them. They see the impact having a child will have on a young woman—how it changes your hopes and dreams."

In one presentation, two peer mentors who now have a child together spoke in the classroom where they once attended their high school health class. "I never thought that I would find myself standing in line at the food pantry where I had worked as a Girl Scout," said the young mother. "Having a child forced me into that lifestyle." After the presentation, one student said, "my boyfriend's been pressuring me to have sex, and now I know I'm going to hold off."

AWARE is now used in a growing number of junior high and middle schools in DuPage County, and its unique alliance of community organizations provides a comprehensive approach to high-risk behavior. "I don't believe AWARE would be nearly as effective if any one piece was missing," said Bittman.

For more information about the AWARE program, contact the Greater DuPage MYM, at 630-790-8433 or gdmym@aol.com.

In addition, early childbearing is often accompanied by difficult socioeconomic conditions. Babies born to adolescent mothers are at higher risk of low birth weight and infant mortality, and less likely to receive adequate health care. Babies in these at-risk families are more likely to grow up with less emotional support and stimulation, and in the long run they are less likely to earn high school diplomas.[21]

Because of these challenges, the *Illinois Kids Count* tracks the number of new families at risk—defined as first births to young, single mothers who have not earned a high school diploma.

- In 1997, there were 8,479 first births to at-risk mothers in Illinois—14.7% of all first births. That's an increase over 1992, when the rate of new families at risk was 14.1%.
- In four counties—Alexander, DeWitt, Fayette and Vermilion—the rate of new families at risk in 1997 was at or above 23%.
- In four counties—DeKalb, DuPage, Lake and McHenry—the rate of new families at risk in 1997 was below 8.5%.

Collaborating with local partner agencies in Chicago, East St. Louis, Peoria and Lake County, Voices for Illinois Children's *Start Early: Learning Begins at Birth* campaign targets young, at-risk mothers with information and advice about nurturing their babies' brain development during the crucial early years. Over the next two years, Voices will expand the *Start Early* campaign and bring these parent education materials to partner agencies in many more Illinois communities.

## TEEN PREGNANCY

While the number of new families at risk continues to grow, there are signs of progress. The recent national *KIDS COUNT Special Report—When Teens Have Sex*, noted that the rate of American teenagers getting pregnant has dropped 14% since 1990, when it reached a peak of 117 pregnancies for every 1,000 women ages 15-19. In 1995, there were 101 pregnancies for every 1,000 women ages 15-19—the lowest level since 1975.

- Nationally, there were 54 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1996, a decrease of 12% since 1990. 22% of those teen births were repeat births.
- In Illinois, there were 57 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1996, a decrease of 12% since 1990. 24% of those teen births were repeat births.[22]

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

When families face hardships and stress, children too often become the victims of abuse and neglect. Children who are subjected to violence or maltreatment may bear emotional and physical scars throughout their entire lives.

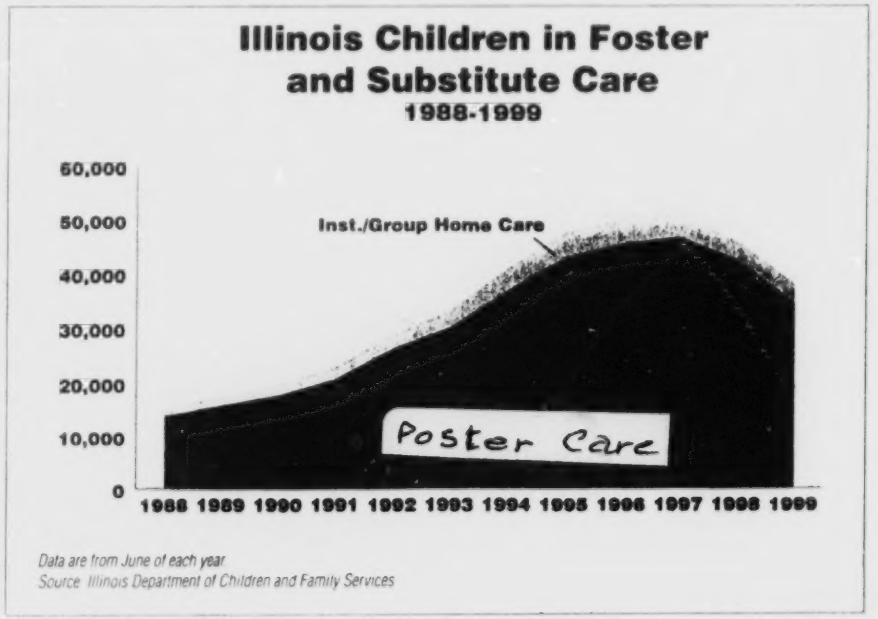
- Nationally, 3,195,000 children were reported to child protective service (CPS) agencies for child abuse and neglect in 1997, an increase of 1.7% over the previous year.
- About 1,054,000 of those children (15 per 1,000) were confirmed by CPS agencies as victims of abuse or neglect in 1997.[23]
- In 1998, Illinois had 32,668 indicated reports of child abuse or neglect, or 9.7 per 1,000 children. This is the third straight year the number of indicated reports has declined.
- Three counties—Alexander, Knox and St. Clair—had indicated child abuse and neglect rates above 22 per 1,000 in 1998.
- Three counties—DuPage, Piatt and Will—had indicated child abuse and neglect rates below 3.5 per 1,000 in 1998.

## CHILDREN IN FOSTER AND SUBSTITUTE CARE

The number of Illinois children in foster care rose significantly from the late 1980s until 1997, in part because of the state's response to increasing reports of child abuse and neglect in the early 1990s. In 1995, the rate of children in substitute care (including foster care, institutions and group homes) in Illinois was 17.1 per 1,000—the highest rate in the country.

Over the last two years, the number of children in foster and substitute care has begun to decrease, although Illinois still has one of the highest foster care caseloads in the country.

- In June 1999, there were 37,960 children in substitute care in Illinois, a decline of more than 25% since 1997.




*Data are from June of each year.*
*Source: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services*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## Communities at Work: Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard is a program in Freeport for teen mothers and mothers participating in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) support program. Responding to a growing number of young mothers in the Freeport area, Mayor Dick Weis teamed up with three women who wanted to motivate young mothers to make and keep doctor and social service appointments. They also wanted to engage senior citizens in the community, and they found the opportunity through Mother Hubbard's.

Mother Hubbard's opened in November of 1994 and won the Governor's Hometown Award less than one year later. "We started with $6 in the bank and have depended on the good people of Stephenson County to keep the program growing," said Joanne Schamberger, one of Mother Hubbard's founders. "They have never let us down."

With the support of the United Way and the backing of the community, Mother Hubbard's runs a store where mothers can redeem 'Baby Bucks' for everything from diapers and food to books and toys. "We don't handle real money at all," explained volunteer Ruth Cable, "but the moms are learning to handle those bucks just as though it's money."

The mothers earn 'Baby Bucks' by demonstrating responsible behavior, such as keeping appointments on time, volunteering with a community agency, immunizing their children and maintaining good attendance in school.

The store is organized and staffed by senior women who volunteer their time. The volunteers draw on their own parenting experiences to mentor the young women, so participants not only get products to help their children grow, but also receive guidance and support.

"We're noticing a big change in the girls," said one volunteer. "They appreciate the help we give them. The girls have a feeling that we're more like good friends than store clerks."

For more information about Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard, contact Joanne Schamberger at 815-233-5656 or irontj1@mwci.net.

- In March 1999, there were 13,214 children under age six in substitute care in Illinois, a decline of more than 28% since 1997.
- Three counties—Cook, Peoria and Vermilion—had substitute care rates higher than the state rate (12.5 per 1,000 children).
- Two counties—DuPage and Kendall—had substitute care rates at or below 1 per 1,000 children.

One reason for the reduced number of children in foster and substitute care is the state's campaign to increase adoptions and move children into permanent family situations. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services reported 7,315 adoptions in FY1999, an increase from 2,229 in FY1997.

The Village Initiative Project, or VIP, is a program in seven Illinois communities that works with older foster children who have been waiting the longest for adoption. VIP mentors are volunteers from local community groups, churches, businesses and veteran organizations who recruit adoptive families from the community.

Other community programs work to strengthen families so that foster care isn't needed. For example, FACT (Female Addicts and their Children in Treatment) provides intensive support for at-risk families through a collaboration of service providers in Cook County. Best Interests of Children in Champaign brings relatives, religious leaders, teachers and other community members together to support the family and keep the children out of the child welfare system.

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# Illinois Kids Count Action Agenda

There are many ways we can work together to help children and families. The *Illinois Kids Count* Action Agenda highlights steps each of us can take to help improve the lives of children—in our communities and around the state.

## Improve Health Care

- ***Individuals and families...*** can make sure their children benefit from preventive care, through private insurance or the state's KidCare child health insurance program.
- ***Communities...*** should bring schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, and other community groups together to build awareness of KidCare and local health services.
- ***Policy makers...*** must work to ensure that all children and families have access to quality health care and good nutrition.

## Encourage Learning Beginning at Birth

- ***Individuals and families...*** can support the crucial development that takes place in the earliest years, and help parents be their child's first teacher. Individuals can also volunteer at local schools and child care programs.
- ***Communities...*** must foster partnerships between schools, parents and local groups to ensure that the educational needs of the community are fulfilled.
- ***Policy makers...*** should encourage collaboration between child care, Head Start, PreKindergarten and schools, and establish a voluntary accreditation system for child care.

## Promote Economic Security

- ***Individuals and families...*** must acknowledge that moving families off welfare is only the first step toward the economic conditions that will help children reach their full potential.
- ***Communities...*** can develop local services (including job training, child care and transportation) to help low-income parents find and keep good jobs.
- ***Policy makers...*** should take steps to help more low-income families move out of poverty, such as a state Earned Income Tax Credit and improvements in the child support system.

## Strengthen Vulnerable Families

- ***Individuals and families...*** can help a stressed parent in their neighborhood, and encourage parents to seek appropriate support from family and friends when needed.
- ***Communities...*** must help make sure that at-risk parents are aware of local services that can help them deal with the challenges of parenting.
- ***Policy makers...*** should continue to support voluntary home visiting and family support programs that have made a difference for many vulnerable families.

## Work Together Toward a Vision for Children

Hundreds of individuals and organizations from around the state are coming together to support the *Charter for Illinois Children*—a clear and comprehensive statement of our vision for the children of our state, and of the responsibilities we all share in helping them thrive and succeed. You can get involved in the *Charter* through the Internet (www.voices4kids.org/charter.htm) or by calling Voices for Illinois Children at 312-516-5557.

Even if you only have a few minutes of spare time, you can be a powerful advocate for children. If you want to receive regular e-mail or fax alerts on children and family issues—with suggestions on simple ways you can help—send your e-mail address or fax number to:

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# Comparing Illinois to Other States

Each year the Annie E. Casey Foundation releases the national *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, profiling conditions for children in each state. The 1999 *KIDS COUNT* ranks Illinois 34th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, an improvement over the 1998 ranking (38th). Illinois ranks last among eight Midwestern states, and also trails two of the most populous states—California and New York.

### Child Health and Well-Being

In Illinois, 1 of every 10 children lacks health insurance. This is below the national average (14%), but higher than the rates in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Although the state's infant mortality rate has declined in recent years, Illinois still has a higher rate than 41 other states.

### Education

One in ten Illinois teens (ages 16-19) is a high school dropout—the second highest rate in the Midwest, and the same rate as California and the nation overall.

### Economic Security

The median income of families with children in Illinois is $44,100, or 11th highest among the states. The national median income is $39,700. Despite this relative wealth, 9% of Illinois children live in extreme poverty (family income below 50% of the poverty level). Illinois has the 15th highest rate of extreme child poverty among the states.

### Vulnerable Families

The 1999 *KIDS COUNT* examined several family characteristics that can lead to negative consequences for children. Children in families with four or more of the following characteristics are considered at "high-risk" for failure:

- Child is not living with two parents
- Household head is a high school dropout
- Family income is below the poverty line
- Child is living with parent(s) who do not have steady, full-time employment
- Family is receiving welfare benefits
- Child does not have health insurance

15% of Illinois children are in this "high-risk" category—the highest rate in the Midwest, but lower than in California or New York.

## Comparison to Other States

| | United States | Ill. | Ind. | Iowa | Mich. | Minn. | Mo. | Ohio | Wis. | Calif. | N.Y. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| National rank (including the District of Columbia) | | 34 | 15 | 7 | 30 | 3 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 31 | 33 |
| Midwest rank (among 8 states) | | 8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | | |
| Percent of children with no health insurance | 14% | 10% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 10% | 6% | 18% | 14% |
| Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) | 7.3 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 7 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 7 |
| Percent of babies with low birth weight | 7.4% | 8.0% | 7.6% | 6.4% | 7.7% | 5.8% | 7.5% | 7.5% | 6.3% | 6.1% | 7.7% |
| Child death rate (per 100,000 children ages 1-14) | 26 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 20 | 30 | 25 | 22 | 23 | 23 |
| Teen violent death rate (per 100,000 teens ages 15-19) | 62 | 64 | 65 | 54 | 59 | 52 | 76 | 43 | 52 | 59 | 41 |
| Percent of teens who are high school dropouts (age 16-19) | 10% | 10% | 6% | 5% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 9% | 4% | 10% | 9% |
| Median income of families with children | $39,700 | $44,100 | $39,100 | $41,300 | $43,800 | $48,100 | $38,500 | $41,800 | $46,500 | $39,000 | $38,300 |
| Percent of children in families with income below 50% of poverty level | 9% | 9% | 4% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 7% | 9% | 3% | 9% | 12% |
| Percent of children with parents who do not have steady employment | 30% | 30% | 22% | 18% | 31% | 21% | 27% | 29% | 22% | 35% | 35% |
| Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females ages 15-17) | 34 | 36 | 33 | 21 | 28 | 19 | 31 | 30 | 22 | 39 | 26 |
| Percent of children living in "high-risk" conditions | 14% | 15% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 14% | 10% | 14% | 9% | 17% | 20% |

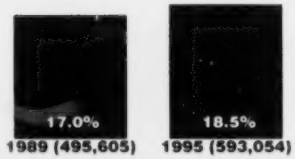
Source: 1999 KIDS COUNT Data Book, Annie E. Casey Foundation (www.aecf.org)

# State of Illinois

**1997 Child Population: 3,338,049**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

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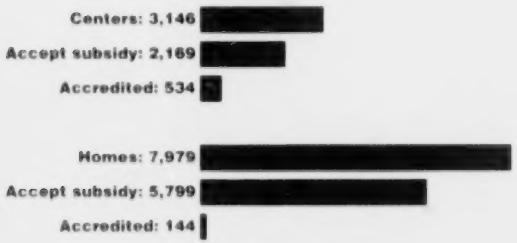


**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1,007**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 929,391 | 8,284 | 8.9 | -17.6% |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 73,997 | 8.0 | 3.9% |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 38,288 | 739,540 | 287,060 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 169,869 | 464,316 | 82,057 | 253,855 | -51.7% |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 803,996 | 52% |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 32,425 | 45,841 | 14.1% |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 37,590 | 7.0% | -4.8% |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8,459 | 57,557 | 8,479 | 14.7% | 4.3% |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35,788 | 10.7 | 32,668 | 9.7 | -9.1% |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51,801 | 15.5 | 42,079 | 12.5 | -19.1% |

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# Adams County

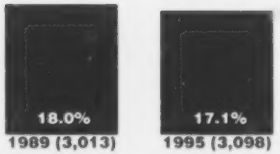
**1997 Child Population: 18,603 (0.56% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418

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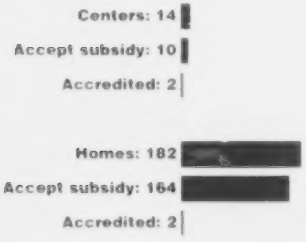
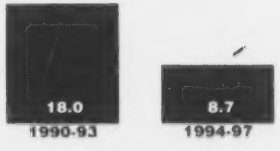



## Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4,228 | 25 | 5.9 (8.9) | 14.5% (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 229 | 5.4 (8.0) | -13.3% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 329 | 3,585 | 1,565 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 688 | 1,661 | 329 | 868 | -52.2% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,638 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 334 | 679 | 39.4% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 157 | 5.0% (7.0%) | -16.4% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 270 | 34 | 12.6% (14.7%) | -5.4% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 262 | 14.2 (10.7) | 287 | 15.6 (9.7) | 10.3% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 166 | 9.0 (15.5) | 129 | 7.0 (12.5) | -21.7% (-19.1%) |

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# Alexander County

**1997 Child Population: 2,968 (0.09% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 3
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 9
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 729 | 8 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 84 | 11.5 (8.0) | 34.9% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 90 | 1,325 | 360 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 420 | 1,115 | 182 | 612 | -56.7% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,609 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 145 | 138 | 63.5% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 28 | 6.7% (7.0%) | 48.3% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 39 | 11 | 28.2% (14.7%) | -26.7% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 16.6 (10.7) | 66 | 22.2 (9.7) | 33.5% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 8.0 (15.5) | 27 | 9.1 (12.5) | 13.8% (-19.1%) |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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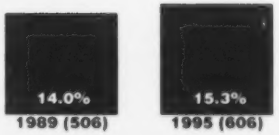
# Bond County

**1997 Child Population: 4,380 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,760**

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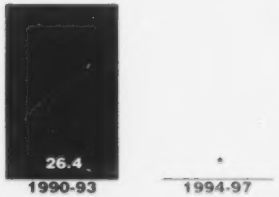
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 5
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 10
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 995 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 87 | 8.7 (8.0)' | 53.0% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 69 | 704 | 318 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 133 | 320 | 23 | 93 | -82.7% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 691 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | 36 | 8.8% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 42 | 4.1% (7.0%)' | -21.8% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 60 | 7 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 14.6 (10.7)' | 52 | 13.5 (9.7)' | -7.4% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | * (15.5)' | 10 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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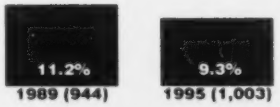
# Boone County

**1997 Child Population: 11,321 (0.34% of Illinois children)**

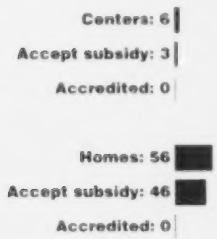
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $32,259

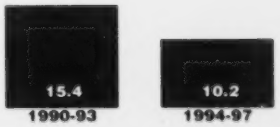



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,661 | 21 | 7.9 (8.9)* | -15.1% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 182 | 6.8 (8.0)* | 19.5% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 106 | 1,246 | 628 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 170 | 404 | 28 | 102 | -83.5% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,518 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 72 | 6.7% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 111 | 5.7% (7.0%)* | -0.3% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 164 | 36 | 22.0% (14.7%)* | 106.0% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 8.3 (10.7)* | 125 | 10.8 (9.7)* | 30.3% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 3.5 (15.5)* | 26 | 2.3 (12.5)* | -36.3% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

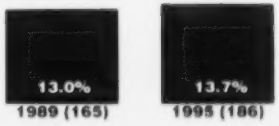
# Brown County

**1997 Child Population: 1,403 (0.04% of Illinois children)**

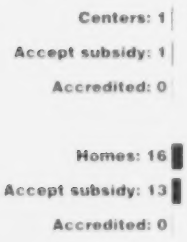
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**

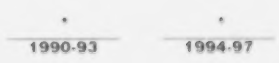



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 288 | 0 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 5.6 (8.0) | -48.6% (-3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | 183 | 144 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 58 | 3 | 15 | -84.2% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 216 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 13 | 0 | 7.8% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | 4.0% (7.0%) | * (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 21 | 1 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 10.8 (10.7) | 14 | 9.7 (9.7) | -10.5% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | * (15.5) | 3 | * (12.5) | * (-19.1%) |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate.*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

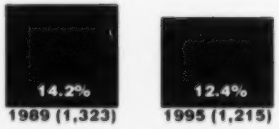
# Bureau County

**1997 Child Population: 9,898 (0.30% of Illinois children)**

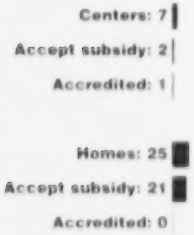
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,919**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,041 | 16 | 7.8 (8.9) | -32.2% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 96 | 4.7 (8.0)' | -0.4% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1930 |
|---|---|---|
| 178 | 1,063 | 837 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 146 | 454 | 36 | 138 | -75.3% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,448 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 43 | 198 | 19.6% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 77 | 3.8% (7.0%)' | 32.2% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 127 | 17 | 13.4% (14.7%)' | -10.6% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 120 | 12.0 (10.7)' | 66 | 6.7 (9.7)' | -44.4% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 3.2 (15.5)' | 36 | 3.6 (12.5)' | 13.8% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

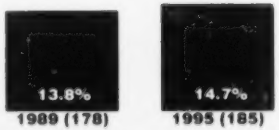
# Calhoun County

**1997 Child Population: 1,264 (0.04% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**




1989 (178) 1995 (185)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 1
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

1990-93 1994-97

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 257 | 1 | *(8.9)^ | *(-17.6%)^ |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | 47 (8.0)^ | -19.2% (3.9%)^ |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 25 | 130 | 123 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 88 | 10 | 31 | -75.6% (-51.7%)^ |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 130 | NA (52%)^ |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 28 | 27.1% (14.1%)^ |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | *(7.0%)^ | *(-4.8%)^ |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 9 | 0 | *(14.7%)^ | *(-4.3%)^ |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | *(10.7)^ | 2 | *(9.7)^ | *(-9.1%)^ |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | *(15.5)^ | 2 | *(12.5)^ | *(-19.1%)^ |

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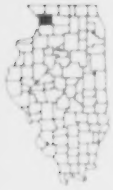


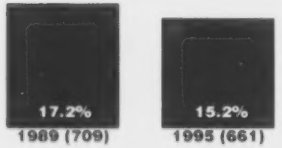
# Carroll County

**1997 Child Population: 4,476 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

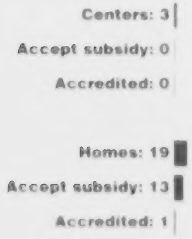
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,955**

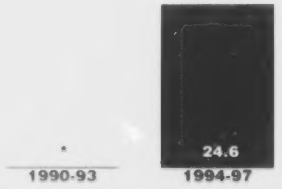



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 902 | 9 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 56 | 6.2 (8.0)' | 14.8% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 107 | 575 | 365 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | 248 | 13 | 54 | -85.4% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 777 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 98 | 23.5% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | 3.2% (7.0%)' | 40.3% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 48 | 4 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 12.3 (10.7)' | 71 | 15.9 (9.7)' | 29.4% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 7.6 (15.5)' | 16 | 3.6 (12.5)' | -52.8% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Cass County

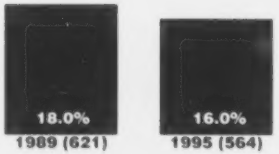
**1997 Child Population: 3,576 (0.11% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

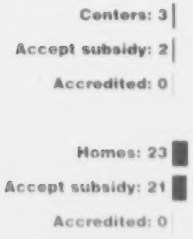
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**




1989 (621) | 1995 (564)

## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

1990-93 | 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 855 | 3 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 54 | 6.3 (8.0)[1] | -13.7% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 62 | 507 | 323 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 223 | 3 | 26 | -96.7% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 707 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | 122 | 33.2% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | 3.3% (7.0%)[1] | -2.3% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 68 | 14 | 20.6% (14.7%) | 19.4% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 18.7 (10.7)[1] | 57 | 15.7 (9.7) | -16.0% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 3.8 (15.5)[1] | 19 | 5.2 (12.5) | 36.0% (-19.1%) |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

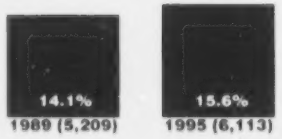
# Champaign County

**1997 Child Population: 46,004 (1.38% of Illinois children)**

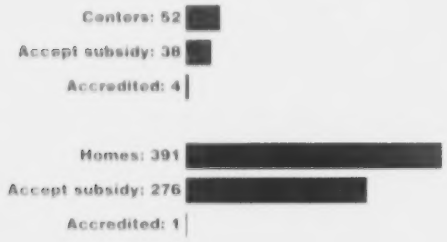
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $32,188**

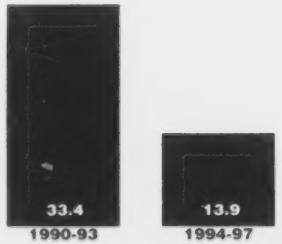



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11,139 | 84 | 7.5 (8.9)* | -19.4% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 786 | 7.1 (8.0)* | 0.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 399 | 6,826 | 3,147 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,482 | 3,863 | 718 | 2,093 | -51.6% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 8,334 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 418 | 458 | 13.2% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 301 | 4.5% (7.0%)* | -18.7% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 710 | 76 | 10.7% (14.7%) | 15.2% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 586 | 13.8 (10.7)* | 497 | 11.6 (9.7)* | -15.8% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 616 | 14.3 (15.5) | 454 | 10.6 (12.5)* | -25.6% (-19.1%) |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Christian County

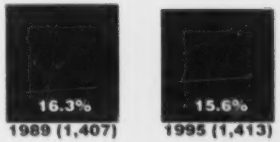
**1997 Child Population: 9,240 (0.28% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

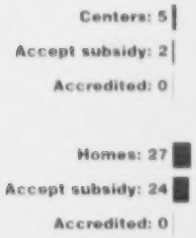
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,808**

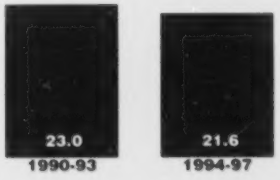



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,143 | 18 | 8.4 (8.9)' | -2.3% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 158 | 7.4 (8.0)' | 8.6% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 200 | 1,844 | 735 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 377 | 854 | 35 | 202 | -90.7% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,808 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 104 | 268 | 29.0% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | 4.9% (7.0%)' | -32.3% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 142 | 25 | 17.6% (14.7%) | 49.6% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 183 | 19.7 (10.7)' | 95 | 10.3 (9.7)' | -47.7% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 5.9 (15.5)' | 35 | 3.8 (12.5)' | -35.9% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*

** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate.*

*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

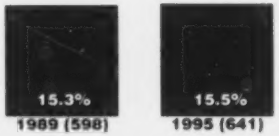
# Clark County

**1997 Child Population: 4,363 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,232**

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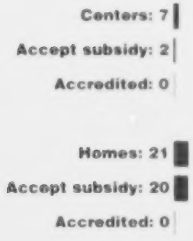
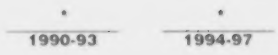



**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 986 | 4 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 62 | 6.3 (8.0)[1] | -5.1% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 99 | 719 | 378 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 145 | 335 | 10 | 40 | -93.1% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 718 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 62 | 15.9% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 32 | 3.5% (7.0%)[1] | 100.6% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 70 | 7 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 13.7 (10.7)[1] | 35 | 8.7 (9.7)[1] | -36.7% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | * (15.5)[1] | 1 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

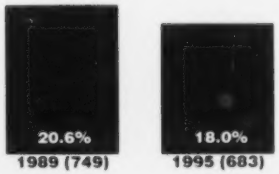
# Clay County

**1997 Child Population: 3,829**
**(0.11% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

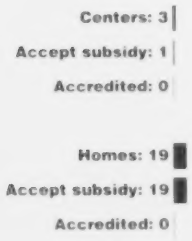
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**




1989 (749) 1995 (683)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 860 | 7 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 70 | 81 (8.0) | 31.7% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 76 | 702 | 390 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 266 | 11 | 48 | -88.8% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 715 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 63 | 113 | 34.2% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 61 | 7.3% (7.0%) | 13.0% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 57 | 11 | 19.3% (14.7%) | 96.8% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 11.1 (10.7) | 48 | 12.3 (9.7) | 11.0% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 3.9 (15.5) | 14 | 3.6 (12.5) | -7.2% (-19.1%) |

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# Clinton County

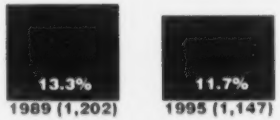
**1997 Child Population: 10,036 (0.30% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

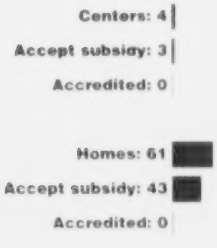
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,867**



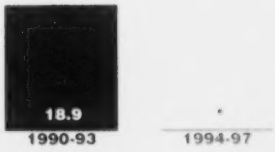

1989 (1,202) 1995 (1,147)

## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,126 | 12 | 5.6 (8.9)* | -17.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 102 | 4.8 (8.0)* | 10.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 94 | 1,030 | 729 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 194 | 482 | 57 | 196 | -70.6% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,016 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 36 | 240 | 21.6% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 3.5% (7.0%)* | 29.3% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 124 | 18 | 14.5% (14.7%)* | 57.6% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | 9.0 (10.7)* | 72 | 7.2 (9.7) | -20.3% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 2.9 (15.5)* | 27 | 2.7 (12.5) | -7.2% (-19.1%)* |

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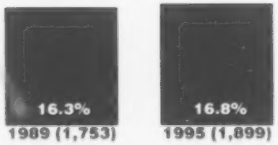
# Coles County

**1997 Child Population: 13,308 (0.40% of Illinois children)**

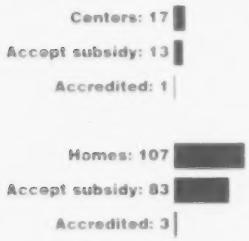
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,627**

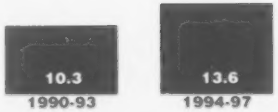



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,904 | 26 | 9.0 (8.9)* | -28.0% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 191 | 6.6 (8.0)* | -6.2% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 189 | 1,871 | 979 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 366 | 882 | 82 | 269 | -77.6% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,003 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 100 | 264 | 21.5% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 191 | 8.0% (7.0%)* | 50.2% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 200 | 35 | 17.5% (14.7%)* | 17.6% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | 16.1 (10.7) | 160 | 12.9 (9.7) | -20.1% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 4.3 (15.5)* | 36 | 2.9 (12.5)* | -33.1% (-19.1%) |

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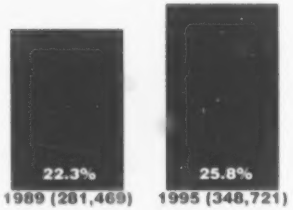
# Cook County

**1997 Child Population: 1,394,334 (41.77% of Illinois children)**

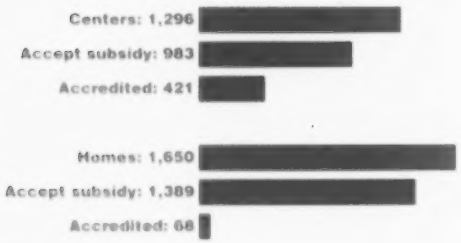
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $38,497**

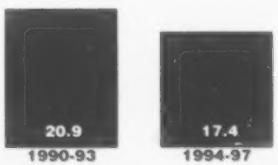



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 748**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 450,860 | 4,786 | 10.6 (8.9)* | -18.5% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 42,209 | 9.4 (8.0)* | 2.8% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 16,843 | 470,665 | 156,232 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 110,856 | 310,445 | 61,149 | 186,412* | -44.8% (-51.7%)* |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 476,355 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17,588 | 23,687 | 15.0% (14.1%)* |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 21,623 | 10.5% (7.0%)* | -0.6% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,960 | 26,993 | 4,660 | 17.3% (14.7%)* | 1.8% (4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14,060 | 9.9 (10.7)* | 12,176 | 8.6 (9.7)* | -13.5% (-9.1%)* |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 38,701 | 27.2 (15.5)* | 30,822 | 21.7 (12.5)* | -20.5% (-19.1%)* |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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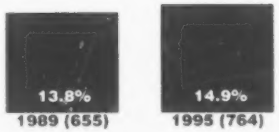
# Crawford County

**1997 Child Population: 5,309 (0.16% of Illinois children)**

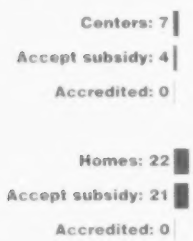
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,100 | 9 | * (8.9)* | * (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 70 | 6.4 (8.0) | 9.5% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 146 | 963 | 452 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 189 | 410 | 37 | 94 | -80.4% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 906 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | 94 | 20.9% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | 4.4% (7.0%)* | 17.9% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 82 | 14 | 17.1% (14.7%)* | 25.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 13.9 (10.7) | 83 | 15.7 (9.7) | 13.0% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | * (15.5)* | 10 | * (12.5)* | * (-19.1%)* |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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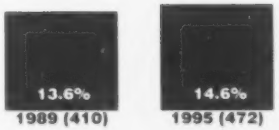
# Cumberland County

**1997 Child Population: 3,300**
**(0.10% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,232**



1989 (410) 1995 (472)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 7
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 18
Accept subsidy: 12
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 711 | 6 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 55 | 7.7 (8.0) | 41.0% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 94 | 572 | 302 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 240 | 5 | 30 | -94.5% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 458 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 44 | 35 | 18.1% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | 3.4% (7.0%) | 7.2% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 41 | 5 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 12.1 (10.7) | 41 | 12.5 (9.7) | 2.6% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | * (15.5) | 1 | * (12.5) | * (-19.1%) |

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# DeKalb County

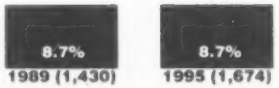
**1997 Child Population: 22,326 (0.67% of Illinois children)**

### Children in Poverty

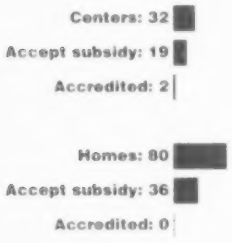
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $33,704**

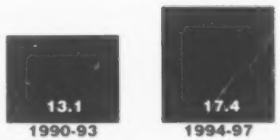



### Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




### Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5,010 | 32 | 6.4 (8.9)* | -27.3% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 287 | 5.7 (8.0)* | 24.4% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 130 | 1,908 | 1,220 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | 928 | 71 | 215 | -82.3% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,846 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 104 | 157 | 8.9% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 158 | 3.6% (7.0%)* | -24.3% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 358 | 30 | 8.4% (14.7%)* | 66.6% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 273 | 12.8 (10.7)* | 263 | 12.3 (9.7)* | -4.4% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 2.8 (15.5)* | 73 | 3.4 (12.5)* | 20.7% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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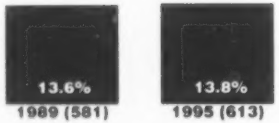
# DeWitt County

**1997 Child Population: 4,548 (0.14% of Illinois children)**

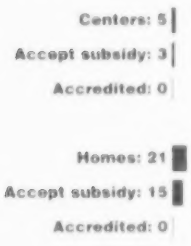
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,417**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,033 | 5 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 72 | 7.0 (8.0)' | 1.7% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 85 | 733 | 373 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 175 | 403 | 52 | 169 | -70.3% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 811 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 149 | 28.5% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 63 | 6.5% (7.0%) | 174.6% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 61 | 14 | 23.0% (14.7%)' | 48.3% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | 17.9 (10.7)' | 81 | 17.7 (9.7)' | -1.0% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 2.6 (15.5)' | 6 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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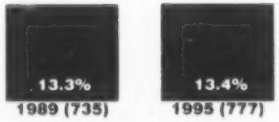
# Douglas County

**1997 Child Population: 5,842**
**(0.18% of Illinois children)**

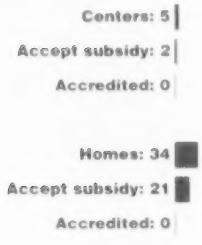
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,313**

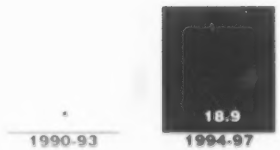



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,390 | 9 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 90 | 6.5 (8.0)' | 23.0% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 65 | 520 | 521 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 235 | 21 | 77 | -77.4% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 619 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 23 | 7.1% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | 2.5% (7.0%)' | -7.9% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 85 | 9 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 6.0 (10.7) | 37 | 6.4 (9.7)' | 6.3% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | * (15.5)' | 3 | * (12.5) | * (-19.1%)' |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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# DuPage County

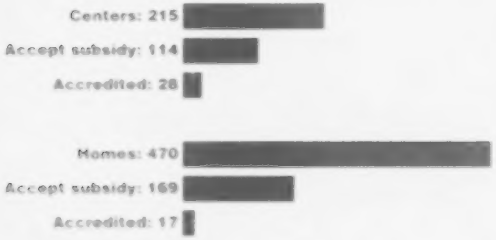
**1997 Child Population: 244,060 (7.31% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

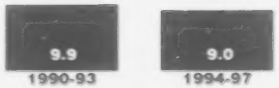
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $42,739

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 12




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 69,330 | 415 | 6.0 (8.9) | -9.1% (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 3,884 | 5.6 (8.0) | 12.6% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 826 | 11,000 | 12,159 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,879 | 4,554 | 556 | 1,686 | -70.4% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 13,358 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 427 | 1,086 | 3.6% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,290 | 3.0% (7.0%) | -0.3% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 132 | 4,295 | 196 | 4.5% (14.7%) | 55.8% (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 724 | 3.0 (10.7) | 623 | 2.6 (9.7) | -14.9% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 236 | 1.0 (15.5) | 238 | 1.0 (12.5) | 0.8% (-19.1%) |

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# Edgar County

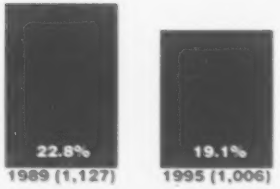
**1997 Child Population: 5,283**
**(0.16% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

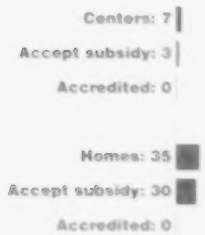
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,232

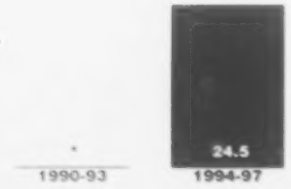



## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,140 | 6 | *(8.9) | *(-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 93 | 8.2 (8.0) | 42.8% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 93 | 948 | 525 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 191 | 491 | 6 | 79 | -96.9% (-61.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 980 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 59 | 143 | 29.5% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 52 | 4.6% (7.0%) | 66.1% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 63 | 9 | *(14.7%) | *(-43%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 13.9 (10.7) | 67 | 12.6 (9.7) | -9.5% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | *(15.5) | 2 | *(12.5) | *(-19.1%) |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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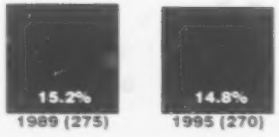
# Edwards County

**1997 Child Population: 1,829**
**(0.05% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $26,437



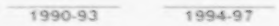

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 2
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 7
Accept subsidy: 5
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 345 | 7 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | 6.4 (8.0) | -17.3% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 65 | 277 | 163 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 78 | 8 | 22 | -80.0% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 360 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | 28 | 23.4% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (7.0%) | * (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 29 | 6 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 10.8 (10.7) | 17 | 9.4 (9.7) | -13.4% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | * (15.5) | 6 | * (12.5) | * (-19.1%) |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

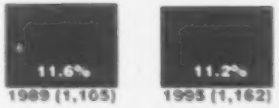
# Effingham County

**1997 Child Population: 10,501 (0.31% of Illinois children)**

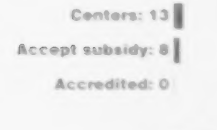
**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

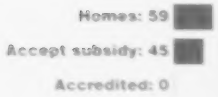
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $26,437



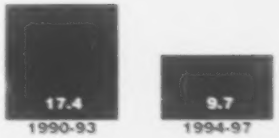

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,365 | 13 | 5.5 (8.9)* | -24.7% (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 134 | 5.7 (8.0) | 3.7% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children '97 in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 329 | 1,400 | 822 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | 454 | 35 | 103 | -65.0% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,488 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 100 | 127 | 16.1% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 371 | 1.9% (7.0%) | -45.5% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 149 | 13 | 8.7% (14.7%) | -0.5% (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | 9.5 (10.7) | 144 | 13.7 (9.7) | 43.8% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 1.8 (15.5)* | 16 | 1.5 (12.5) | -15.9% (-19.1%) |

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# Fayette County

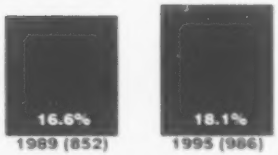
**1997 Child Population: 5,685 (0.17% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $26,437

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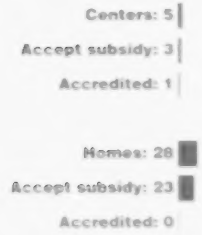


## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 2

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,300 | 8 | * (6.9) | * (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 86 | 6.6 (8.0) | 5.3% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 138 | 1,148 | 469 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 188 | 438 | 47 | 139 | -75.0% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,000 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | 139 | 24.5% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 55 | 5.8% (7.0%) | -13.7% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 87 | 20 | 23.0% (14.7%) | 79.7% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 109 | 19.1 (10.7) | 97 | 16.7 (9.7) | -12.6% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 2.8 (15.5) | 14 | 2.4 (12.5) | -14.1% (-19.1%) |

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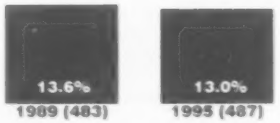
# Ford County

**1997 Child Population: 3,782**
**(0.11% of Illinois children)**

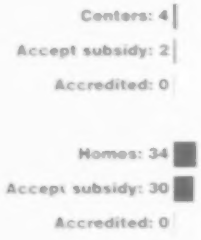
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $31,685




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 875 | 9 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 58 | 6.6 (8.0) | 32.9% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | 419 | 297 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 225 | 28 | 86 | -69.6% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 513 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 28 | 0 | 5.5% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 33 | 4.2% (7.0%) | 8.3% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 60 | 8 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 69 | 18.0 (10.7) | 28 | 7.3 (9.7) | -59.2% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (15.5) | 6 | * (12.5) | * (-19.1%) |

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# Franklin County

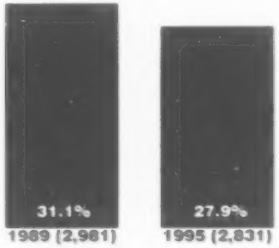
**1997 Child Population: 10,332 (0.31% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732

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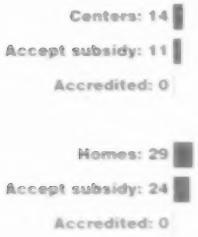
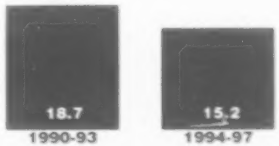
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0




1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,355 | 20 | 8.5 (8.9) | -35.6% (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 181 | 7.7 (8.0) | 15.1% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 236 | 2,621 | 969 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 651 | 1,572 | 157 | 482 | -75.9% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,709 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 151 | 69 | 15.7% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 86 | 4.3% (7.0%) | -15.4% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 180 | 34 | 18.4% (14.7%) | 43.7% (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 154 | 14.6 (10.7) | 151 | 14.4 (9.7) | -1.5% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 3.8 (15.5) | 34 | 3.2 (12.5) | -14.6% (-19.1%) |

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# Fulton County

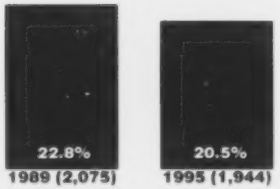
**1997 Child Population: 9,780**
**(0.29% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

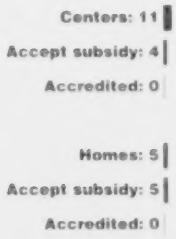
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,759**

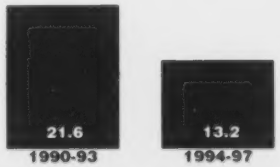



## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,098 | 12 | 5.7 (8.9)* | -13.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 124 | 5.9 (8.0)* | -1.1% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 215 | 2,068 | 900 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 457 | 1,022 | 74 | 229 | -83.8% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,208 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 152 | 95 | 19.9% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 106 | 5.5% (7.0%)* | 21.4% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 129 | 25 | 19.4% (14.7%)* | 5.3% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 166 | 17.0 (10.7)* | 183 | 18.6 (9.7)* | 9.8% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | 8.8 (15.5) | 89 | 9.1 (12.5)* | 3.1% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

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# Gallatin County

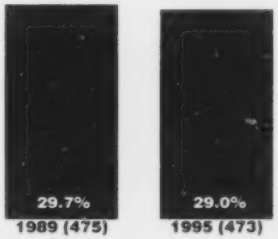
**1997 Child Population: 1,663 (0.05% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

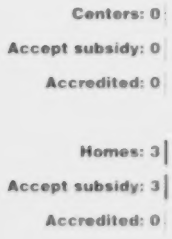
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 359 | 2 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | 5.6 (8.0)' | -16.0% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 36 | 457 | 173 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 141 | 320 | 19 | 64 | -86.5% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 460 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 28 | 30.5% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | 4.8% (7.0%)' | -25.7% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 28 | 6 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 11.8 (10.7)' | 26 | 15.4 (9.7)' | 30.7% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | * (15.5)' | 4 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

# Greene County

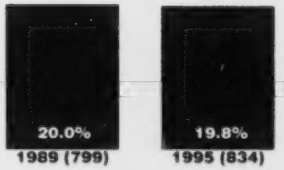
**1997 Child Population: 4,299**
**(0.13% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

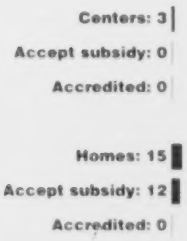
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**




1989 (799) 1995 (834)

## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 962 | 9 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 71 | 7.4 (8.0)[1] | -2.6% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 84 | 836 | 402 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 175 | 433 | 40 | 145 | -77.1% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 833 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 57 | 86 | 25.6% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 35 | 4.3% (7.0%)[1] | -20.2% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 71 | 12 | 16.9% (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 14.3 (10.7)[1] | 49 | 11.3 (9.7)[1] | -20.9% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 4.8 (15.5)[1] | 35 | 8.1 (12.5)[1] | 66.7% (-19.1%)[1] |

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*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

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# Grundy County

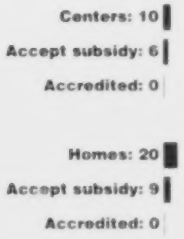
**1997 Child Population: 10,585 (0.32% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $34,573**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,338 | 21 | 9.0 (8.9)[1] | 16.9% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 133 | 5.7 (8.0)[1] | 38.2% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 66 | 619 | 624 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 178 | 403 | 18 | 65 | -89.9% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,287 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 41 | 5.5% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 100 | 3.5% (7.0%)[1] | 2.5% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 146 | 10 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 4.4 (10.7) | 41 | 3.8 (9.7)[1] | -13.7% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 1.5 (15.5)[1] | 13 | 1.2 (12.5)[1] | -19.6% (-19.1%)[1] |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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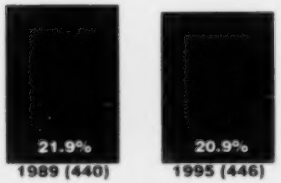
# Hamilton County

**1997 Child Population: 2,162**
**(0.06% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $27,732




1989 (440) 1995 (446)

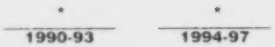
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 3
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 3
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**



1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 465 | 3 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 26 | 5.6 (8.0)[1] | -3.5% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 71 | 467 | 203 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | 233 | 18 | 60 | -80.0% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 405 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | 71 | 30.3% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 27 | 6.1% (7.0%)[1] | -5.0% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 33 | 2 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 10.4 (10.7)[1] | 21 | 9.5 (9.7)[1] | -9.2% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | * (15.5)[1] | 5 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

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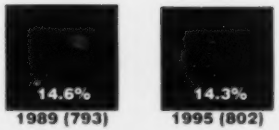
# Hancock County

**1997 Child Population: 5,665**
**(0.17% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

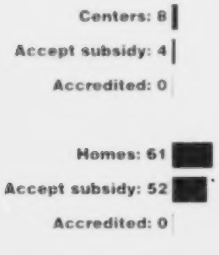
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**



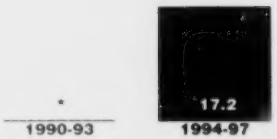
1989 (793) 1995 (802)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**



1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,127 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | 44 (8.0)' | -5.8% (5.3%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 134 | 726 | 513 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | 383 | 29 | 91 | -80.7% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 934 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 91 | 18.8% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 42 | 3.1% (7.0%)' | -8.0% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 76 | 11 | 14.5% (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 13.9 (10.7)' | 64 | 11.2 (9.7)' | -19.5% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 4.7 (15.5)' | 31 | 5.4 (12.5)' | 15.6% (-19.1%)' |

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# Hardin County

**1997 Child Population: 1,252 (0.04% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,232**

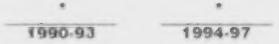
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 1
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 2
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 242 | 0 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (8.0)[1] | * (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 33 | 225 | 152 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 194 | 2 | 13 | -97.5% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 257 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 56 | 18 | 52.5% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 5.7% (7.0%)[1] | -6.1% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 23 | 6 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 8.9 (10.7)[1] | 19 | 15.6 (9.7)[1] | 76.1% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | * (15.5)[1] | 1 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

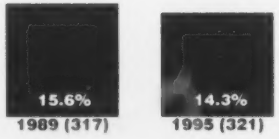
# Henderson County

**1997 Child Population: 2,306 (0.07% of Illinois children)**

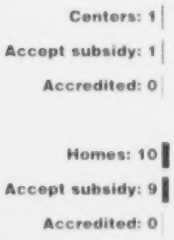
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,622**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 434 | 3 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | 5.3 (8.0)' | -9.1% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 37 | 370 | 187 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 165 | 25 | 75 | -61/5% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 422 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | 52 | 28.9% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | 4.9% (7.0%)' | * (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 28 | 4 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 7.3 (10.7)' | 16 | 6.9 (9.7)' | -5.2% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (15.5)' | 7 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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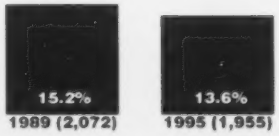
# Henry County

**1997 Child Population: 14,564 (0.44% of Illinois children)**

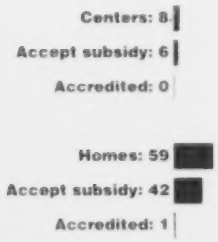
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,354**

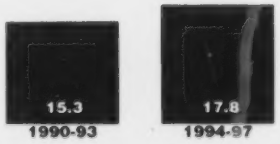



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,882 | 13 | 4.5 (8.9)* | -28.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 188 | 6.5 (8.0)* | 34.0% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 171 | 1,773 | 1,268 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 434 | 1,058 | 106 | 364 | -75.6% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,269 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 68 | 302 | 21.3% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 131 | 4.4% (7.0%)* | 58.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 174 | 19 | 10.9% (14.7%)* | -5.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 155 | 10.6 (10.7)* | 174 | 12.0 (9.7)* | 12.6% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 2.3 (15.5)* | 43 | 3.0 (12.5)* | 30.7% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

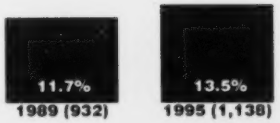
# Iroquois County

**1997 Child Population: 8,537**
**(0.26% of Illinois children)**

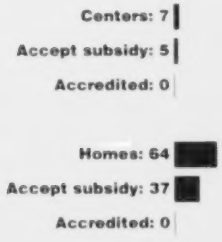
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,313**

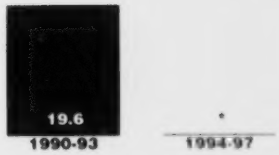



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,765 | 10 | 5.7 (8.9)' | 40.2% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 126 | 7.1 (8.0)' | 40.2% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 191 | 1,140 | 720 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 189 | 531 | 57 | 202 | -69.8% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,416 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 140 | 15.0% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 69 | 3.8% (7.0%)' | 0.8% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 116 | 19 | 16.4% (14.7%)' | 12.7% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | 12.0 (10.7)' | 85 | 10.0 (9.7)' | -16.5% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 3.9 (15.5)' | 32 | 3.8 (12.5)' | -1.9% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Jackson County

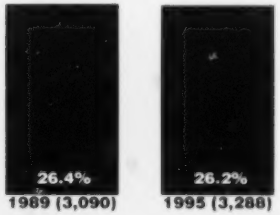
**1997 Child Population: 15,235 (0.46% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,370**

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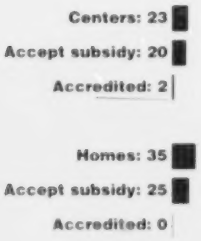
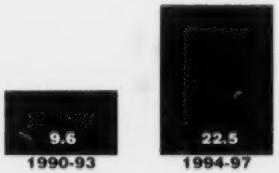



**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 5**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,443 | 31 | 9.0 (8.9)* | -24.4% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 250 | 7.3 (8.0)* | 11.9% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 233 | 3,885 | 1,123 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,037 | 2,387 | 578 | 1,429 | -44.3% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,749 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 205 | 187 | 19.0% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 133 | 5.2% (7.0%)* | 131.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 249 | 34 | 13.7% (14.7%)* | 30.7% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 207 | 14.6 (10.7)* | 184 | 13.1 (9.7)* | -10.3% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 3.5 (15.5)* | 43 | 3.1 (12.5)* | -13.2% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*

** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*

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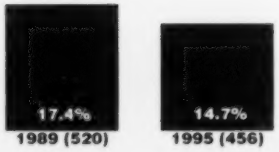
# Jasper County

**1997 Child Population: 3,115**
**(0.09% of Illinois children)**

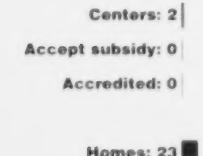
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 619 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 5.5 (8.0)' | 2.8% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 109 | 494 | 285 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 157 | 7 | 34 | -87.5% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 404 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 58 | 25.0% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | 2.4% (7.0%)' | -12.6% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1992 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 37 | 2 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 8.7 (10.7)' | 27 | 8.4 (9.7)' | -3.5% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 4.0 (15.5)' | 14 | 4.4 (12.5)' | 7.8% (-19.1%)' |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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# Jefferson County

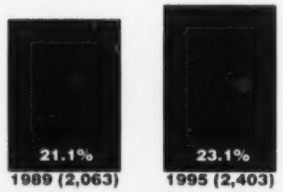
**1997 Child Population: 10,809 (0.32% of Illinois children)**

### Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,611**

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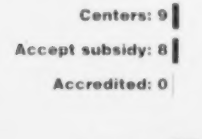
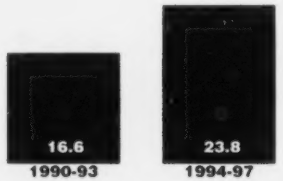
### Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




### Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,388 | 14 | 5.9 (8.9)* | -10.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 160 | 6.7 (8.0)* | -2.1% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 229 | 2,853 | 862 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 597 | 1,642 | 175 | 624 | -70.7% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,030 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 216 | 212 | 29.1% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 117 | 5.9% (7.0%)* | -3.8% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 147 | 29 | 19.7% (14.7%) | -8.9% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 195 | 19.2 (10.7)* | 106 | 10.4 (9.7)* | -45.6% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 6.2 (15.5)* | 72 | 7.1 (12.5)* | 14.4% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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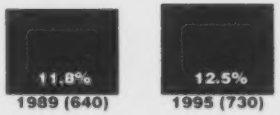
# Jersey County

**1997 Child Population: 6,125 (0.18% of Illinois children)**

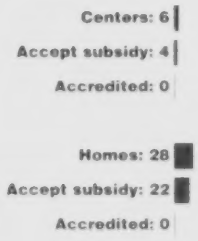
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,178**

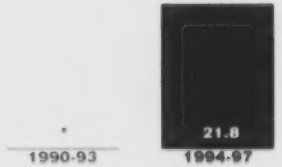



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,202 | 10 | 8.3 (8.9)[1] | -4.6% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 70 | 5.8 (8.0)[1] | 9.9% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 112 | 780 | 483 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 165 | 370 | 19 | 78 | -88.5% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 733 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 26 | 156 | 26.1% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 47 | 4.3% (7.0%)[1] | 44.7% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 76 | 7 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 8.9 (10.7)[1] | 45 | 7.4 (9.7)[1] | -16.8% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 3.3 (15.5)[1] | 12 | 2.0 (12.5)[1] | -40.1% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

# Jo Daviess County

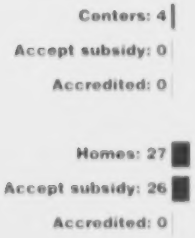
**1997 Child Population: 5,932**
**(0.18% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,170**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,240 | 3 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | 3.7 (8.0)' | -24.5% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 75 | 540 | 502 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 141 | 6 | 30 | -90.5% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 675 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 131 | 19.7% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 42 | 3.5% (7.0%)' | 52.0% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 80 | 3 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 8.2 (10.7)' | 49 | 8.5 (9.7)' | 3.9% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 3.9 (15.5)' | 10 | 1.7 (12.5)' | -55.8% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

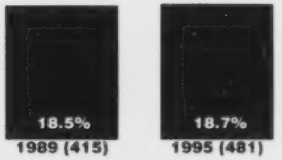
# Johnson County

**1997 Child Population: 2,682**
**(0.08% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $27,732




1989 (415) 1995 (481)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 1
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 8
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 529 | 7 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 37 | 7.0 (8.0)' | 32.7% (3.9%)' |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 73 | 529 | 219 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 116 | 286 | 18 | 78 | 84.5% (-51.7%)' |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 534 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 60 | 54 | 35.3% (14.1%)' |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | * (7.0%)' | * (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 33 | 2 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 8.0 (10.7)' | 24 | 8.6 (9.7)' | 7.4% (-9.1%)' |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 6.2 (15.5)' | 7 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

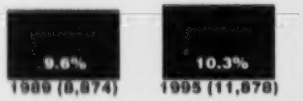
# Kane County

**1997 Child Population: 122,069 (3.66% of Illinois children)**

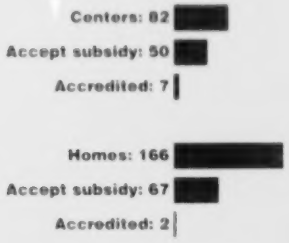
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $42,739**

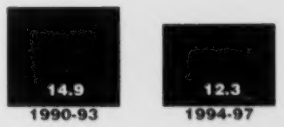



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 31**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33,483 | 278 | 8.3 (8.9)* | -7.8% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 2,138 | 6.4 (8.0)* | -0.5% (-3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,038 | 15,749 | 6,786 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,635 | 8,020 | 647 | 2,593 | -75.4% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 15,868 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 580 | 871 | 7.4% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,392 | 6.0% (7.0%)* | -21.8% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 291 | 2,191 | 300 | 13.7% (14.7%)* | -2.2% (-4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 992 | 8.0 (10.7)* | 1,023 | 8.1 (9.7)* | 0.4% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 566 | 4.6 (15.5)* | 419 | 3.3 (12.5)* | -27.9% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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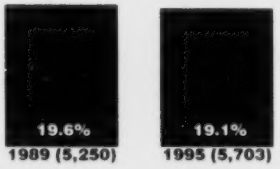
# Kankakee County

**1997 Child Population: 30,985 (0.93% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $34,162**



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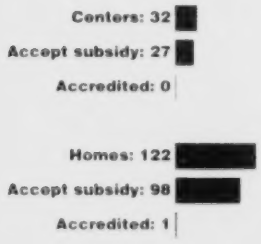
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 8**

1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7,775 | 70 | 9 (8.9)* | -29.1% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 582 | 7.5 (8.0)* | -5.0% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 345 | 6,879 | 2,257 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,545 | 4,410 | 748 | 2,478 | -51.6% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 7,996 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 381 | 750 | 24.3% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 280 | 5.6% (7.0%)* | 3.4% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 471 | 87 | 18.5% (14.7%) | 0.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 467 | 15.1 (10.7)* | 404 | 13.1 (9.7)* | -13.4% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 331 | 10.7 (15.5)* | 314 | 10.1 (12.5)* | -5.1% (-19.1%)* |

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# Kendall County

**1997 Child Population: 15,722 (0.47% of Illinois children)**

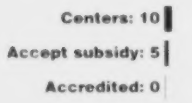
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $36,733**

1989 (518) 1995 (686)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**

1990-93 1994-97

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,373 | 24 | 7.1 (8.9)* | 73.2% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 161 | 4.8 (8.0)* | 6.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 58 | 633 | 770 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 123 | 278 | 39 | 121 | -68.3% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 928 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 74 | 5.5% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 87 | 3.1% (7.0%)* | -6.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 193 | 18 | 9.3% (14.7%)* | 34.9% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 6.3 (10.7)* | 111 | 6.8 (9.7)* | 9.2% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 1.0 (15.5)* | 14 | 0.9 (12.5)* | -15.6% (-19.1%)* |

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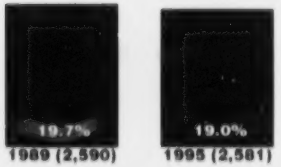
# Knox County

**1997 Child Population: 14,148 (0.42% of Illinois children)**

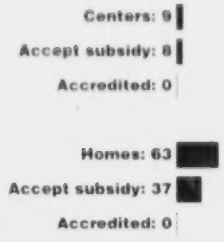
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,622**

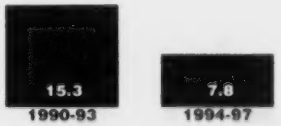



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,143 | 22 | 7.0 (8.9)* | -30.7% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 196 | 6.2 (8.0)* | -15.3% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 254 | 2,796 | 1,213 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 650 | 1,597 | 176 | 583 | -72.9% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,676 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 155 | 240 | 21.1% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 123 | 4.7% (7.0%)* | -14.2% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 201 | 38 | 18.9% (14.7%)* | -5.0% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 267 | 19.1 (10.7)* | 329 | 23.7 (9.7)* | 24.0% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 106 | 7.6 (15.5)* | 114 | 8.2 (12.5)* | 8.3% (-19.1%)* |

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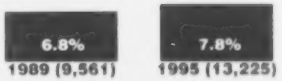
# Lake County

**1997 Child Population: 178,220 (5.34% of Illinois children)**

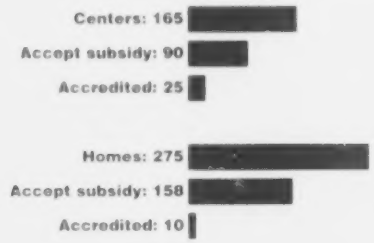
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $41,473**

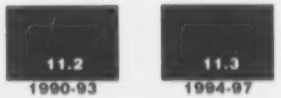



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 20**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50,195 | 316 | 6.3 (8.9)[1] | -21.3% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 3,181 | 6.3 (8.0)[1] | 6.8% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 975 | 16,464 | 9,424 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,651 | 7,488 | 876 | 3,207 | -67.0% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 20,440 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 638 | 778 | 4.7% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,149 | 3.7% (7.0%)[1] | -25.8% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 207 | 3,115 | 245 | 7.9% (14.7%)[1] | 13.1% (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,201 | 6.8 (10.7)[1] | 1,098 | 6.1 (9.7)[1] | -10.0% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 748 | 4.3 (15.5)[1] | 653 | 3.7 (12.5)[1] | -14.0% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

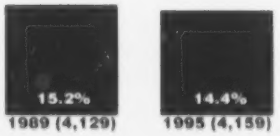
# LaSalle County

**1997 Child Population: 29,823 (0.89% of Illinois children)**

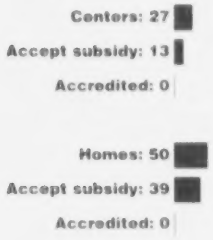
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,276**

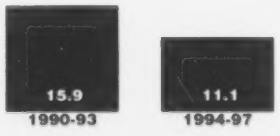



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6,729 | 52 | 7.7 (8.9)* | 2.7% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 420 | 6.2 (8.0)* | 9.9% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 369 | 3,800 | 2,261 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 932 | 2,306 | 130 | 444 | -86.1% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 5,469 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 266 | 349 | 15.4% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 304 | 5.5% (7.0%)* | -22.9% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 426 | 62 | 14.6% (14.7%)* | 20.9% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 541 | 18.1 (10.7)* | 585 | 19.5 (9.7)* | 7.7% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 119 | 4.0 (15.5)* | 147 | 4.9 (12.5)* | 23.0% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Lawrence County

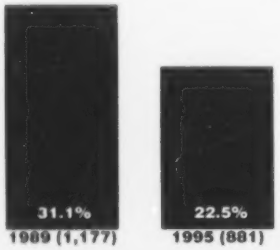
**1997 Child Population: 3,928 (0.12% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**

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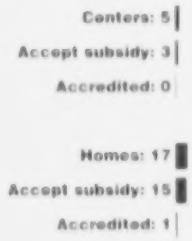
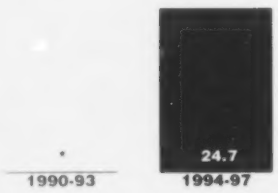



## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 823 | 8 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 62 | 7.5 (8.0)[1] | -3.8% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 110 | 885 | 417 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 154 | 369 | 64 | 166 | -58.4% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 894 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 68 | 60 | 24.7% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 56 | 7.5% (7.0%)[1] | 22.0% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 75 | 9 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 17.1 (10.7)[1] | 36 | 9.2 (9.7)[1] | -46.4% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 3.5 (15.5) | 22 | 5.6 (12.5)[1] | 59.2% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*

** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*

*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

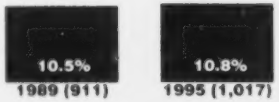
# Lee County

**1997 Child Population: 9,755 (0.29% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $30,330

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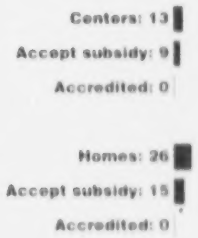
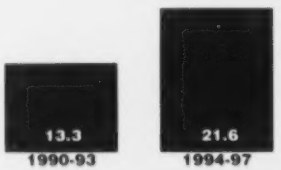



**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,043 | 17 | 8.3 (8.9)* | -2.4% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 112 | 5.5 (8.0)* | 23.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 114 | 978 | 735 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 149 | 418 | 29 | 136 | -80.5% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,513 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 53 | 61 | 9.3% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 94 | 5.4% (7.0%)* | -0.6% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 137 | 21 | 15.3% (14.7%)* | 32.5% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997* | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 142 | 14.7 (10.7) | 134 | 13.7 (9.7) | -6.2% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 7.5 (15.5)* | 47 | 4.8 (12.5)* | -36.0% (-19.1%)* |

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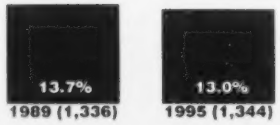
# Livingston County

**1997 Child Population: 10,464 (0.31% of Illinois children)**

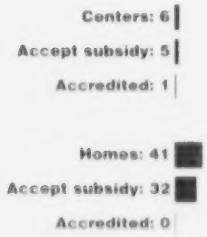
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $31,292**

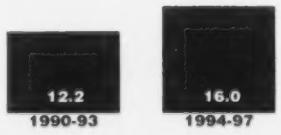



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,368 | 15 | 6.3 (8.9)[1] | -4.5% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 137 | 5.8 (8.0)[1] | 9.9% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 201 | 1,337 | 833 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 219 | 586 | 48 | 170 | -78.1% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,548 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 81 | 297 | 26.0% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 100 | 4.2% (7.0%)[1] | 12.7% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 133 | 21 | 15.8% (14.7%)[1] | 55.8% (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 187 | 17.3 (10.7)[1] | 168 | 15.9 (9.7)[1] | -8.4% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 7.0 (15.5)[1] | 84 | 7.9 (12.5)[1] | 12.7% (-19.1%)[1] |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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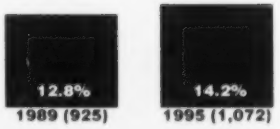
# Logan County

**1997 Child Population: 8,024**
**(0.24% of Illinois children)**

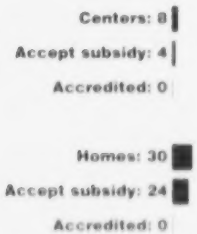
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,379**

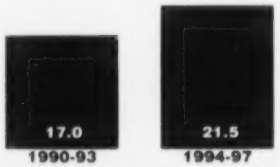



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,700 | 12 | 7.1 (8.9)[1] | 34.0% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 128 | 7.5 (8.0)[1] | 11.1% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 153 | 1,309 | 610 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 217 | 586 | 10 | 76 | -95.4% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,492 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 68 | 99 | 16.0% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 80 | 5.7% (7.0%)[1] | 9.4% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 98 | 10 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 9.4 (10.7)[1] | 77 | 9.9 (9.7)[1] | 5.3% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 8.7 (15.5)[1] | 43 | 5.5 (12.5)[1] | -36.9% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

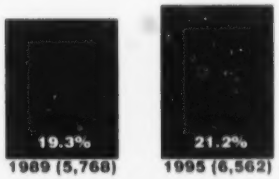
# Macon County

**1997 Child Population: 31,859 (0.95% of Illinois children)**

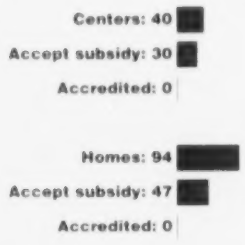
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,492**

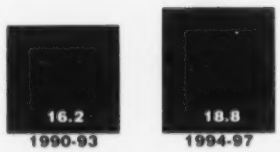



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 12**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7,971 | 79 | 9.9 (8.9) | -5.7% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 692 | 8.7 (8.0)[1] | 14.4% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 437 | 7,702 | 2,656 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,875 | 4,944 | 942 | 2,822 | -49.8% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 10,351 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 361 | 507 | 17.9% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 443 | 8.5% (7.0%)[1] | -9.6% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 114 | 481 | 102 | 21.2% (14.7%)[1] | 0.3% (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 338 | 10.8 (10.7)[1] | 328 | 10.6 (9.7)[1] | -2.2% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 457 | 14.6 (15.5)[1] | 335 | 10.8 (12.5)[1] | -26.1% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate.*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

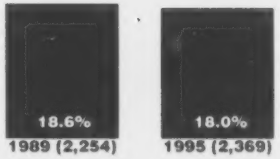
# Macoupin County

**1997 Child Population: 13,490 (0.40% of Illinois children)**

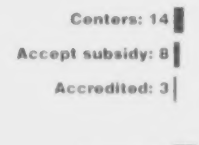
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,772**

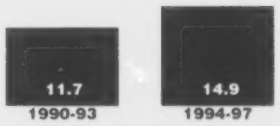



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,691 | 20 | 7.4 (8.9)* | 21.3% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 191 | 7.1 (8.0)* | 19.0% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 216 | 2,227 | 1,134 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 544 | 1,309 | 83 | 321 | -84.7% (-51.7%)* |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,615 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 152 | 269 | 25.8% (14.1%)* |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 114 | 3.8% (7.0%)* | 12.6% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 164 | 25 | 15.2% (14.7%)* | -13.9% (4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 182 | 13.5 (10.7)* | 172 | 12.8 (9.7)* | -5.0% (-9.1%)* |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 2.3 (15.5)* | 29 | 2.2 (12.5)* | -5.9% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

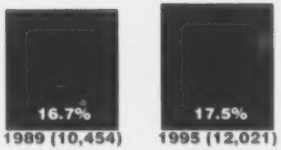
# Madison County

**1997 Child Population: 70,799 (2.12% of Illinois children)**

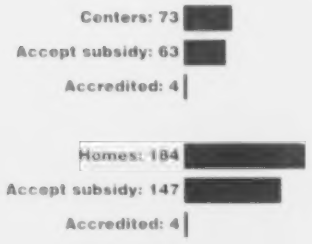
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,867**

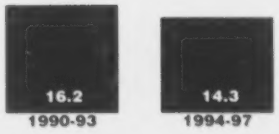



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 14**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16,973 | 131 | 7.7 (8.9)* | -14.4% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,286 | 7.6 (8.0)* | 12.0% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 811 | 14,035 | 5,181 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3,706 | 9,395 | 1,719 | 4,835 | -53.6% (-51.7%)* |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 16,426 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 735 | 832 | 15.3% (14.1%)* |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 716 | 5.5% (7.0%)* | -14.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | 1,132 | 174 | 15.4% (14.7%)* | 8.9% (4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,036 | 14.7 (10.7)* | 1,000 | 14.2 (9.7)* | -3.2% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 378 | 5.4 (15.5)* | 351 | 5.0 (12.5)* | -6.9% (-19.1%)* |

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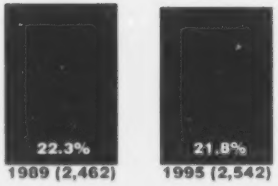
# Marion County

**1997 Child Population: 11,871 (0.36% of Illinois children)**

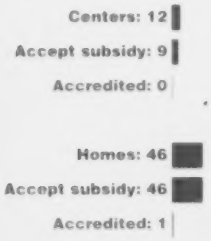
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**

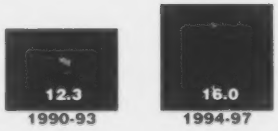



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,819 | 23 | 8.2 (8.9)' | 20.6% (-17.6%)' |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 224 | 7.9 (8.0)' | 27.9% (3.9%)' |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 226 | 3,005 | 1,064 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 704 | 1,754 | 249 | 776 | -64.6% (-51.7%)' |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,354 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 189 | 98 | 17.1% (14.1%)' |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 221 | 7.7% (7.0%)' | 13.3% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 175 | 37 | 21.1% (14.7%)' | 34.1% (4.3%)' |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 261 | 21.9 (10.7)' | 244 | 20.6 (9.7) | -5.7% (-9.1%)' |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 7.0 (15.5)' | 93 | 7.9 (12.5)' | 13.1% (-19.1%)' |

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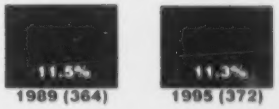
# Marshall County

**1997 Child Population: 3,384 (0.10% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $29,759




1989 (364) 1995 (372)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 6
Accept subsidy: 6
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 752 | 10 | 13.3 (8.9)* | *(-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 36 | 4.8 (8.0)* | -27.3% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 53 | 503 | 277 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 194 | 26 | 32 | -73.5% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 506 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | 32 | 11.0% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | 5.4% (7.0%)* | 3.0% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 43 | 5 | *(14.7%)* | *(4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 8.5 (10.7)* | 26 | 7.6 (9.7)* | -9.9% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | *(15.5)* | 10 | *(12.5)* | *(-19.1%)* |

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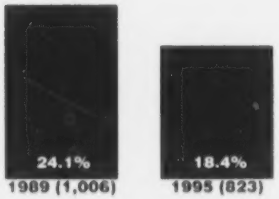
# Mason County

**1997 Child Population: 4,601 (0.14% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,772**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 6
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 10
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 972 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 77 | 7.9 (8.0)' | 25.5% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 73 | 873 | 403 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 232 | 585 | 41 | 140 | -82.3% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,074 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | 31 | 13.7% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 45 | 4.2% (7.0%)' | -16.0% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 48 | 6 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 12.5 (10.7)' | 52 | 11.2 (9.7)' | -12.0% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 8.8 (15.5)' | 22 | 4.8 (12.5)' | -46.1% (-19.1%)' |

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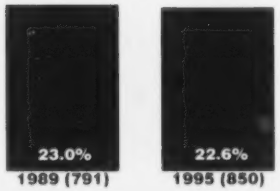
# Massac County

**1997 Child Population: 3,883 (0.12% of Illinois children)**

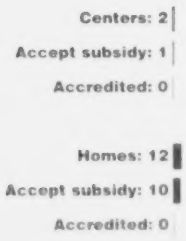
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**

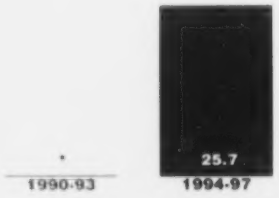



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 876 | 1 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 49 | 5.7 (8.0)' | -19.7% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 98 | 1,054 | 336 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 197 | 462 | 100 | 280 | -49.2% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,277 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 78 | 181 | 48.4% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 49 | 6.3% (7.0%)' | -27.9% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 62 | 10 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 10.8 (10.7)' | 50 | 12.6 (9.7)' | 14.8% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 3.8 (15.5)' | 14 | 3.5 (12.5)' | -6.6% (-19.1%)' |

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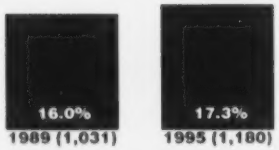
# McDonough County

**1997 Child Population: 8,622**
**(0.26% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

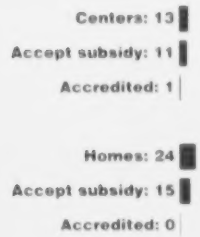
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,622**



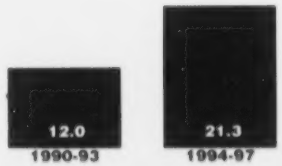

1989 (1,031) 1995 (1,180)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,513 | 15 | 9.9 (8.9)* | -11.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 94 | 6.2 (8.0)* | -4.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 122 | 1,175 | 576 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 325 | 683 | 83 | 235 | -74.5% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,445 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 75 | 141 | 23.7% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 3.1% (7.0%)* | -19.9% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 89 | 11 | 12.4 (14.7%)* | * (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 124 | 15.6 (10.7)* | 126 | 15.9 (9.7)* | 1.9% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 7.7 (15.5)* | 47 | 5.9 (12.5)* | -22.6% (-19.1%)* |

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# McHenry County

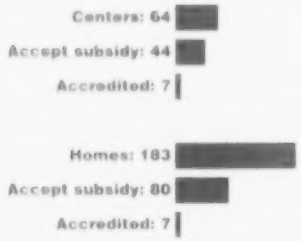
**1997 Child Population: 72,278**
**(2.17% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

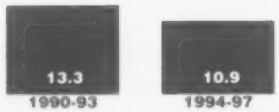
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $40,658

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 5




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18,691 | 85 | 4.5 (8.9)* | -40.0% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,053 | 5.6 (8.0)* | 5.2% (3.9%) |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 272 | 2,869 | 3,464 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 413 | 1,192 | 33 | 173 | -92.0% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 4,257 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 220 | 305 | 4.8% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 363 | 3.2% (7.0%)* | -2.9% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 1,147 | 77 | 6.7% (14.7%)* | 35.4% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 673 | 9.3 (10.7)* | 527 | 7.1 (9.7)* | -21.3% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | 1.3 (15.5)* | 90 | 1.2 (12.5)* | -7.0% (-19.1%)* |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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# McLean County

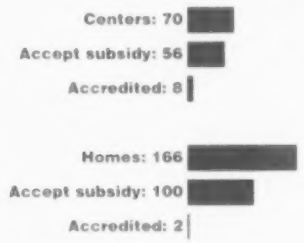
**1997 Child Population: 38,889 (1.17% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

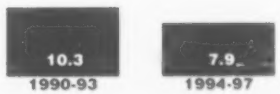
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $32,917

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9,548 | 71 | 7.4 (8.9)* | -1.3% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | 6.8 (8.0)* | 17.7% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 415 | 4,266 | 2,271 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 800 | 2,048 | 135 | 523 | -83.1% (-51.7%)* |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 5,086 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 196 | 350 | 9.6% (14.1%)* |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 239 | 4.0% (7.0%)* | -17.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 629 | 62 | 9.9% (14.7%)* | 18.1% (4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 544 | 14.5 (10.7)* | 626 | 16.4 (9.7)* | 15.1% (-9.1%)* |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 330 | 8.8 (15.5)* | 390 | 10.5 (12.5)* | 19.4% (-19.1%)* |

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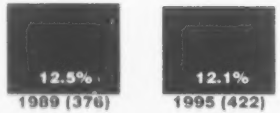
# Menard County

**1997 Child Population: 3,539 (0.11% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $31,022**




1989 (376) 1995 (422)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 5
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 18
Accept subsidy: 14
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 735 | 5 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | 6.3 (8.0)' | 33.6% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 72 | 512 | 279 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | 219 | 23 | 83 | -72.0% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 532 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 109 | 29.2% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 36 | 4.4% (7.0%)' | -3.6% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 52 | 3 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 5.8 (10.7)' | 31 | 8.6 (9.7)' | 47.7% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (15.5)' | 4 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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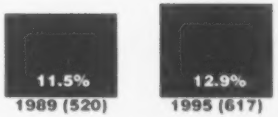
# Mercer County

**1997 Child Population: 4,898 (0.15% of Illinois children)**

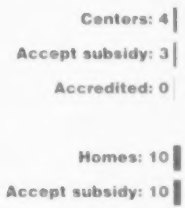
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $28,622




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 878 | 9 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 44 | 5.0 (8.0)[1] | 24.3% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 124 | 696 | 380 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 138 | 321 | 52 | 128 | -62.3% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 823 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 49 | 16.0% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 27 | 4.7% (7.0%)[1] | -42.3% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 53 | 9 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 11.3 (10.7)[1] | 47 | 9.5 (9.7)[1] | -16.0% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | * (15.5)[1] | 10 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

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# Monroe County

**1997 Child Population: 7,282 (0.22% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

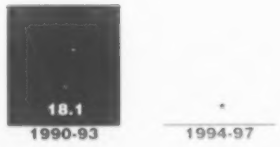
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,867**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,531 | 7 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 97 | 6.3 (8.0)' | 31.4% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 30 | 295 | 420 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 131 | 8 | 28 | -85.2% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 482 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 55 | 11.3% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | 2.2% (7.0%)' | -20.1% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 92 | 3 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 4.7 (10.7)' | 37 | 5.0 (9.7)' | 6.1% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 2.1 (15.5)' | 10 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

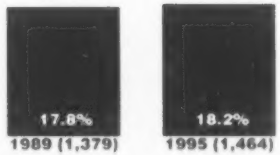
# Montgomery County

**1997 Child Population: 8,201**
**(0.25% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

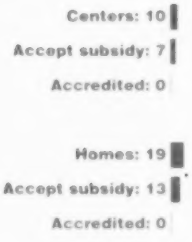
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $28,772



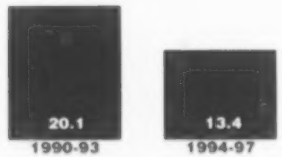

1989 (1,379) 1995 (1,464)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,774 | 14 | 7.9 (8.9)[1] | 51.9% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 118 | 6.7 (8.0) | 19.3% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 225 | 1,623 | 708 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 377 | 843 | 181 | 427 | -95.2% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,811 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 52 | 325 | 34.6% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 55 | 3.3% (7.0%)[1] | -8.4% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 91 | 6 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 9.7 (10.7)[1] | 101 | 12.2 (9.7)[1] | 26.0% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 2.4 (15.5)[1] | 26 | 3.1 (12.5)[1] | 28.1% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

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# Morgan County

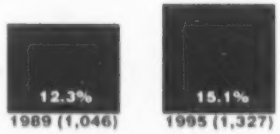
**1997 Child Population: 9,569 (0.29% of Illinois children)**

### Children in Poverty

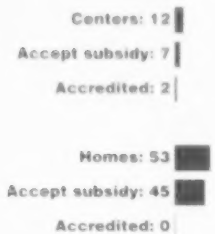
(actual number in parentheses)

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $29,825

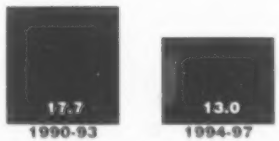



### Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




### Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,113 | 16 | 7.6 (8.9)* | 22.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 148 | 7.0 (8.0)* | 29.2% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 183 | 1,531 | 744 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 377 | 903 | 94 | 347 | -75.1% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,831 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 143 | 103 | 18.8% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 94 | 5.4% (7.0%)* | 5.5% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 150 | 25 | 16.7% (14.7%)* | 0.5% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 142 | 15.5 (10.7)* | 140 | 15.6 (9.7)* | 0.6% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 6.0 (15.5) | 76 | 8.4 (12.5)* | 41.0% (-19.1%)* |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*



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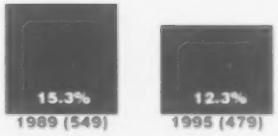
# Moultrie County

**1997 Child Population: 3,931 (0.12% of Illinois children)**

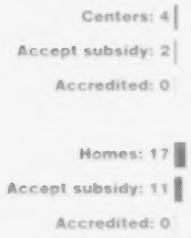
**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732

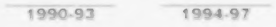



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 886 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 57 | 6.4 (8.0) | 28.2% (3.9%)' |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 57 | 331 | 293 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 116 | 1 | 28 | 98.2% (-51.7%)' |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 515 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 19 | 10.4% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | 2.4% (7.0%)' | 29.9% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 56 | 8 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 9.2 (10.7)' | 26 | 6.5 (9.7)' | 29.6% (-9.1%)' |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | * (15.5)' | 1 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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# Ogle County

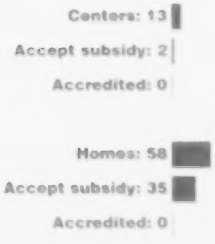
**1997 Child Population: 14,587**
**(0.44% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

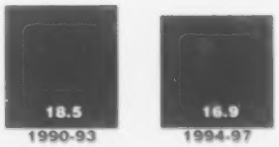
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $32,044

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 3




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,006 | 23 | 7.7 (8.9)* | 21.3% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 156 | 5.2 (8.0)* | -15.5% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 141 | 1,271 | 964 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 243 | 590 | 54 | 161 | -77.8% (-51.7%)* |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,906 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 64 | 116 | 9.8% (14.1%)* |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 102 | 3.4% (7.0%)* | 6.4% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 188 | 30 | 16.0% (14.7%)* | 93.8% (4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 169 | 11.6 (10.7)* | 220 | 15.0 (9.7)* | 29.7% (-9.1%)* |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 2.7 (15.5)* | 25 | 1.7 (12.5)* | -37.7% (-19.1%)* |

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# Peoria County

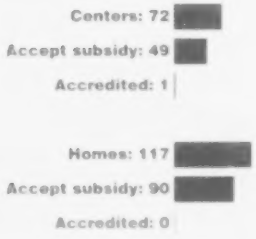
**1997 Child Population: 51,831**
**(1.55% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

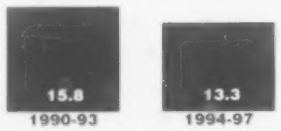
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $31,651

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 10**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13,551 | 121 | 8.9 (8.9)* | -17.9% (-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,103 | 81.1 (80.0)* | -3.4% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 738 | 12,400 | 4,063 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3,259 | 8,771 | 1,559 | 5,125 | -52.2% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 16,053 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 627 | 763 | 16.9% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 704 | 8.3% (7.0%)* | 3.9% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 172 | 860 | 165 | 19.2% (14.7%) | -1.1% (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 911 | 17.8 (18.7)* | 869 | 17.1 (9.7)* | -4.0% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,050 | 20.5 (15.5) | 1,054 | 20.8 (12.5) | 1.1% (-19.1%) |

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# Perry County

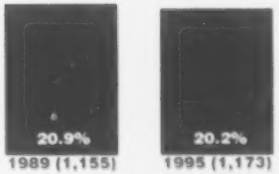
**1997 Child Population: 5,896 (0.18% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**



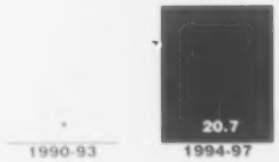

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 6
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 8
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 4**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,202 | 8 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | 6.9 (8.0) | 16.6% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990/98 |
|---|---|---|
| 329 | 1,090 | 553 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 271 | 702 | 95 | 229 | -64.9% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,175 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 87 | 34 | 16.9% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 52 | 5.2% (7.0%) | 6.7% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 79 | 16 | 20.3% (14.7%) | 45.5% (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 8.8 (10.7) | 70 | 12.2 (9.7) | 38.6% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 2.6 (15.5) | 22 | 3.8 (12.5) | 46.1% (-19.1%) |

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# Piatt County

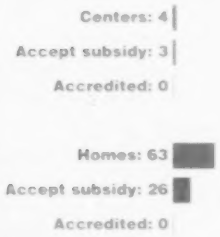
**1997 Child Population: 4,455**
**(0.13% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,903

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 980 | 7 | *(6.9) | *(-17.6%)* |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 57 | 5.8 (8.0) | 4.2% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 45 | 398 | 316 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 146 | 20 | 50 | -71.8% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 507 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-yearolds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 63 | 13.9% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 3.9% (7.0%) | 68.7% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 67 | 9 | *(14.7%)* | *(4.3%)* |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 5.4 (10.7) | 15 | 3.4 (9.7) | -36.9% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 6.1 (15.5) | 23 | 5.2 (12.5) | 13.9% (-19.1%) |

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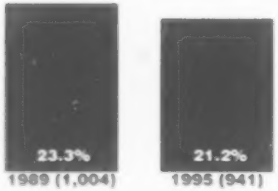
# Pike County

**1997 Child Population: 4,513**
**(0.14% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996:** $15,911

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996:** $26,418




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 48
Accept subsidy: 40
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97:** 0

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 990 | 3 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 78 | 7.9 (8.0) | 17.2% (3.9%)* |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 97 | 831 | 430 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 138 | 360 | 32 | 100 | -76.3% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 819 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 66 | 89 | 26.3% (14.7%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 31 | 3.3% (7.0%) | -11.1% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change, 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 70 | 8 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 12.8 (10.7) | 82 | 17.6 (9.7) | 39.1% (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 6.7 (15.5) | 29 | 5.0 (12.5) | -25.7% (-19.1%) |

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# Pope County

**1997 Child Population: 1,205 (0.04% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Infant Mortality, 1993-97**

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 191 | 1 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%) |

**Low Birth Weight, 1993-97**

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | 6.3 (8.0) | 9.3% (3.9%) |

**Child Health Insurance, 1999**

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 207 | 108 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

**Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999**

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 139 | 10 | 31 | -82.1% (-51.7%) |

**Child Support, 1998**

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 256 | NA (52%) |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

**Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98**

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | 25 | 39.2% (14.1%) |

**High School Dropouts, 1997-98**

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | * (17.0%) | * (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

**New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997**

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 19 | 4 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%) |

**Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998**

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per 1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | * (10.7) | 16 | 13.3 (19.7) | * (-9.1%) |

**Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999**

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | * (15.5) | 6 | * (12.5) | * (-13.1%) |

NA = Not Available
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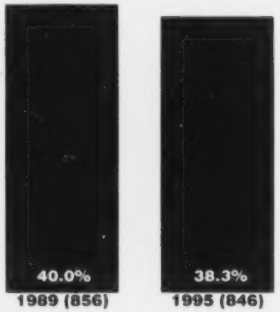
# Pulaski County

**1997 Child Population: 2,200 (0.07% of Illinois children)**

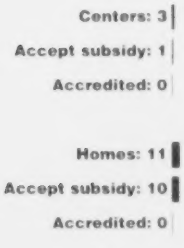
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 502 | 4 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 9.6 (8.0)' | -14.5% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 104 | 851 | 235 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 254 | 655 | 79 | 253 | -68.9% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,068 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 116 | 100 | 74.7% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 3.5% (7.0%)' | -44.7% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 35 | 9 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 7.5 (10.7)' | 44 | 19.4 (9.7)' | 157.9% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 9.3 (15.5)' | 23 | 10.1 (12.5)' | 9.1% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Putnam County

**1997 Child Population: 1,624**
**(0.05% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,759

1989 (160)

1995 (142)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 2
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 5
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 340 | 2 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | 5.9 (8.0)[1] | -1.5% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | 164 | 131 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 53 | 0 | 5 | -100.0% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 195 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | 46 | 29.3% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 11 | 3.5% (7.0%)[1] | 11.1% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 18 | 0 | * (14.7%) | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 10.8 (10.7)[1] | 16 | 10.1 (9.7)[1] | -5.8% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | * (15.5)[1] | 5 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

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*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

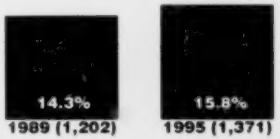
# Randolph County

**1997 Child Population: 8,678 (0.26% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,760**



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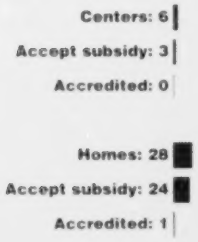
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,849 | 16 | 8.7 (8.9)* | 3.6% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 141 | 7.6 (8.0)* | 23.6% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 143 | 1,343 * | 728 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 278 | 727 | 96 | 344 | -65.5% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,640 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 96 | 141 | 21.0% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 49 | 2.9% (7.0%)* | -16.2% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 118 | 22 | 18.6% (14.7%)* | 35.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 113 | 12.8 (10.7)* | 96 | 11.1 (9.7)* | -13.1% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 4.0 (15.5)* | 32 | 3.7 (12.5)* | -6.5% (-19.1%)* |

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# Richland County

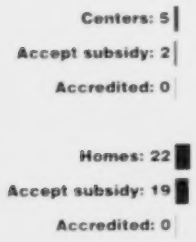
**1997 Child Population: 4,634 (0.14% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

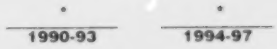
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,027 | 6 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 74 | 7.2 (8.0)' | 14.0% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 114 | 1,000 | 388 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | 391 | 45 | 149 | -71.9% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,053 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 68 | 63 | 22.1% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 65 | 7.4% (7.0%)' | 3.1% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 79 | 13 | 16.5% (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 17.2 (10.7)' | 94 | 20.5 (9.7)' | 18.8% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 4.1 (15.5)' | 22 | 4.8 (12.5)' | 17.0% (-19.1%)' |

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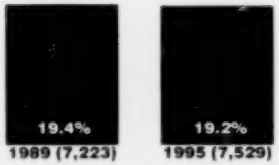
# Rock Island County

**1997 Child Population: 40,740**
**(1.22% of Illinois children)**

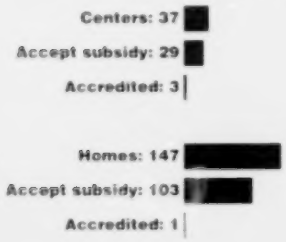
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,354**

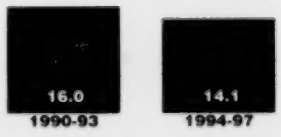



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 9**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9,852 | 84 | 8.5 (8.9)' | -31.5% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 656 | 6.7 (8.0) | -6.3% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 553 | 7,416 | 3,343 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,137 | 5,301 | 793 | 2,434 | -62.9% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 11,168 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 541 | 558 | 18.6% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 481 | 6.2% (7.0%)' | -34.1% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 126 | 657 | 128 | 19.5% (14.7%)' | 2.5% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 724 | 18.0 (10.7)' | 626 | 15.7 (9.7)' | -13.2% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 314 | 7.8 (15.5)' | 330 | 8.3 (12.5)' | 5.5% (-19.1%)' |

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# St. Clair County

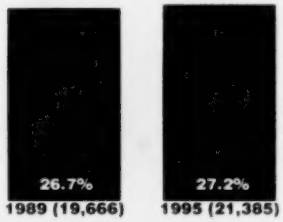
**1997 Child Population: 80,610**
**(2.41% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

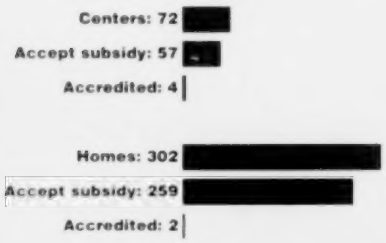
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency* level for a family of four, 1996: $30,867

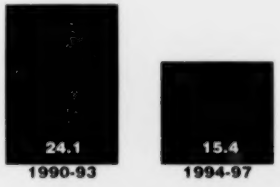



## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 21




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20,150 | 206 | 10.2 (8.9)' | -22.7% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,764 | 8.8 (8.0)' | -4.2% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,083 | 23,019 | 6,877 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6,619 | 18,167 | 3,594 | 11,127 | -45.7% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 29,410 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 1,368 | 1,346 | 21.8% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 912 | 6.9% (7.0%)' | -2.2% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 292 | 1,154 | 257 | 22.3% (14.7%)' | -2.7% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,281 | 16.0 (10.7)' | 1,031 | 13.0 (9.7)' | -18.7% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 893 | 11.1 (15.5)' | 701 | 8.8 (12.5)' | -20.7% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Saline County

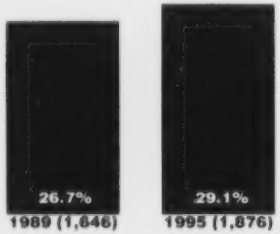
**1997 Child Population: 6,756**
**(0.20% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

**(actual number in parentheses)**

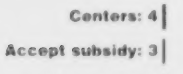
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

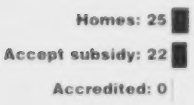
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**



1989 (1,646) 1995 (1,876)

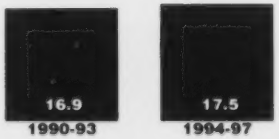
**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**



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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,548 | 11 | 7.1 (8.9)[1] | 14.5% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 115 | 7.4 (8.0)[1] | 14.0% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 153 | 1,880 | 571 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 507 | 1,175 | 56 | 289 | -89.0% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,987 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 124 | 140 | 27.7% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 105 | 8.0% (7.0%)[1] | 12.6% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 114 | 23 | 20.2% (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 134 | 19.5 (10.7)[1] | 152 | 22.2 (9.7)[1] | 13.8% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 7.9 (15.5)[1] | 34 | 5.0 (12.5)[1] | -36.8% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

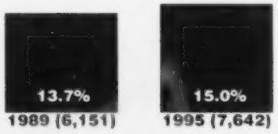
# Sangamon County

**1997 Child Population: 51,875**
**(1.55% of Illinois children)**

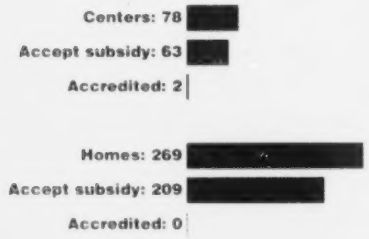
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $31,022**

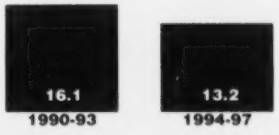



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 9**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12,767 | 127 | 9.9 (8.9)* | 1.0% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,022 | 8.0 (8.0)* | 9.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 555 | 9,111 | 3,604 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,044 | 5,543 | 716 | 2,458 | -65.0% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 11,688 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 399 | 1,129 | 19.8% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 250 | 3.0% (7.0%)* | -42.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 140 | 817 | 128 | 15.7% (14.7%)* | 1.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 613 | 11.8 (10.7)* | 690 | 13.4 (9.7)* | 13.0% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 528 | 10.2 (15.5)* | 430 | 8.3 (12.5)* | -18.2% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
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# Schuyler County

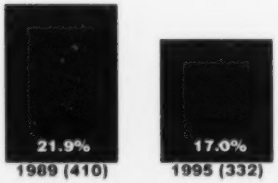
**1997 Child Population: 1,980**
**(0.06% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

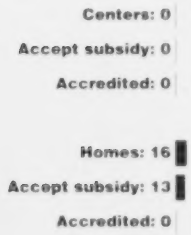
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**

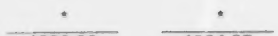



## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 424 | 5 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 28 | 6.6 (8.0)' | 36.8% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 261 | 179 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 105 | 0 | 3 | -100.0% (-51.7%) |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 280 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | 119 | 50.0% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | * (7.0%)' | * (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 26 | 2 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 6.9 (10.7)' | 9 | * (9.7)' | * (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | * (15.5)' | 7 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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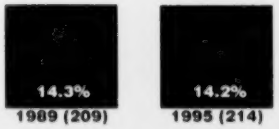
# Scott County

**1997 Child Population: 1,532 (0.05% of Illinois children)**

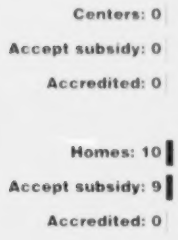
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,772**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 337 | 1 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 5.3 (8.0)[1] | 3.1% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 36 | 208 | 133 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 95 | 13 | 47 | 62.9% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 205 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | 14 | 12.2% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 11 | 3.1% (7.0%)[1] | * (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 26 | 4 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 10.1 (10.7)[1] | 22 | 14.0 (9.7)[1] | 37.6% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | * (15.5)[1] | 1 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

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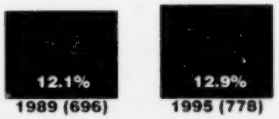
# Shelby County

**1997 Child Population: 6,123 (0.18% of Illinois children)**

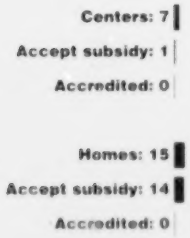
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,232**

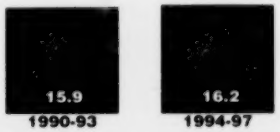



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,348 | 7 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | 6.2 (8.0)' | 6.7% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 103 | 744 | 543 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 129 | 337 | 14 | 61 | -89.1% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 807 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | 84 | 16.7% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 53 | 3.9% (7.0%)' | 11.6% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 84 | 14 | 16.7% (14.7%)' | 19.7% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 11.2 (10.7)' | 39 | 6.3 (9.7)' | -44.1% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (15.5)' | 4 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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# Stark County

**1997 Child Population: 1,704**
**(0.05% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,759**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

**Centers: 2**
**Accept subsidy: 1**
**Accredited: 0**

**Homes: 9**
**Accept subsidy: 8**
**Accredited: 0**

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 418 | 2 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | 6.9 (8.0)' | 39.5% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 186 | 149 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 78 | 3 | 14 | -92.9% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 247 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | 84 | 38.8% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | 6.4% (7.0%)' | 24.8% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 19 | 2 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 11.1 (10.7)' | 16 | 9.4 (9.7)' | -15.2% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | * (15.5)' | 3 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

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# Stephenson County

**1997 Child Population: 13,554 (0.41% of Illinois children)**

### Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,528

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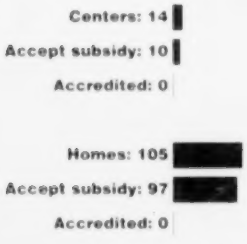
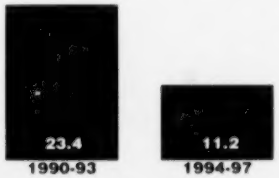
### Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




### Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,104 | 26 | 8.4 (8.9)* | -16.0% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 247 | 8.0 (8.0)* | 29.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 191 | 2,021 | 987 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 361 | 1,036 | 78 | 388 | -78.4% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,628 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 172 | 135 | 16.6% (14.1%) |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 73 | 3.0% (7.0%)* | -46.9% (-4.8%) |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 208 | 41 | 19.7% (14.7%)* | 91.5% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 164 | 12.2 (10.7)* | 121 | 9.1 (9.7)* | -25.7% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 120 | 8.9 (15.5)* | 70 | 5.3 (12.5)* | -41.3% (-19.1%)* |

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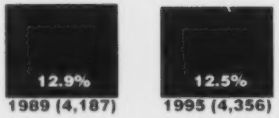
# Tazewell County

**1997 Child Population: 35,545 (1.06% of Illinois children)**

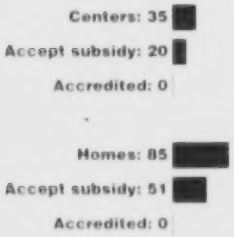
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $31,651**




**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7,972 | 50 | 6.3 (8.9)* | -20.3% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 491 | 6.2 (8.0)* | 4.8% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 426 | 4,072 | 2,581 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,003 | 2,196 | 177 | 531 | -82.4% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 4,992 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 303 | 306 | 12.7% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 284 | 4.6% (7.0%)* | -16.1% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 535 | 66 | 12.3% (14.7%)* | -15.2% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 410 | 11.9 (10.7)* | 379 | 11.0 (9.7)* | -7.3% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 112 | 3.2 (15.5)* | 92 | 2.7 (12.5)* | -17.6% (-19.1%)* |

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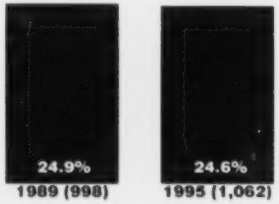
# Union County

**1997 Child Population: 4,421 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**

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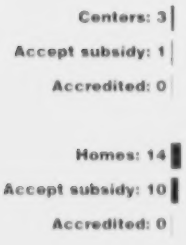
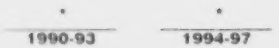



**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,046 | 8 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 66 | 6.3 (8.0)' | 20.6% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 164 | 1,231 | 392 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 276 | 620 | 87 | 268 | -68.5% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,134 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 103 | 95 | 31.1% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 60 | 5.9% (7.0%)' | -18.2% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 73 | 6 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 11.4 (10.7)' | 47 | 10.4 (9.7) | -8.7% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 5.7 (15.5) | 21 | 4.7 (12.5)' | -18.4% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

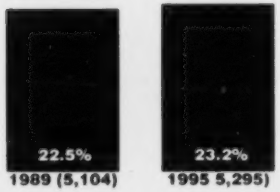
# Vermilion County

**1997 Child Population: 23,379 (0.70% of Illinois children)**

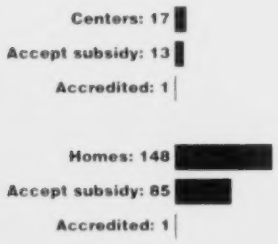
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,956**

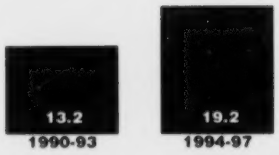



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5,954 | 60 | 10.1 (8.9)* | -4.7% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 486 | 8.2 (8.0)* | 6.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 424 | 5,553 | 2,155 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,284 | 3,687 | 473 | 1,732 | -63.2% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 7,006 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 368 | 319 | 18.9% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 287 | 6.8% (7.0%)* | -10.0% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 345 | 80 | 23.2% (14.7%)* | 22.1% (4.3%) |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 435 | 18.8 (10.7)* | 418 | 18.2 (9.7)* | -2.9% (-9.1%) |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 273 | 11.8 (15.5)* | 297 | 13.0 (12.5)* | 9.9% (-19.1%)* |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Wabash County

**1997 Child Population: 3,553 (0.11% of Illinois children)**

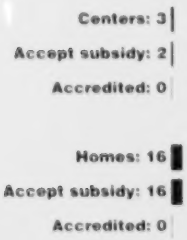
## Children in Poverty

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

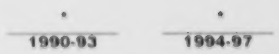
**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**

## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 666 | 8 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 7.2 (8.0)[1] | 10.5% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 131 | 664 | 294 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 134 | 351 | 29 | 94 | -78.4% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 813 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | 103 | 35.1% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 43 | 5.9% (7.0%)[1] | 15.0% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 31 | 4 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (-4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 14.0 (10.7)[1] | 47 | 13.6 (9.7)[1] | -2.8% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | * (15.5)[1] | 1 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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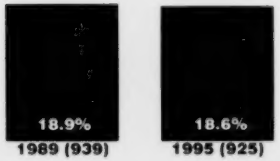
# Warren County

**1997 Child Population: 5,217**
**(0.16% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

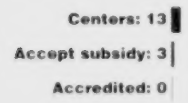
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $28,622**



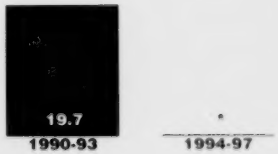
1989 (939) 1995 (925)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**



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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,130 | 5 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 69 | 6.1 (8.0)[1] | 17.3% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 77 | 830 | 488 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 215 | 478 | 69 | 196 | -67.9% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,075 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 163 | 17 | 27.3% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 34 | 3.2% (7.0%)[1] | -57.1% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 71 | 11 | 15.5% (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 111 | 21.4 (10.7) | 111 | 21.4 (9.7)[1] | 0.0% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 8.1 (15.5)[1] | 21 | 4.1 (12.5) | -49.9% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate.*
*Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

# Washington County

**1997 Child Population: 4,223 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

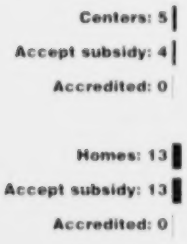
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $29,421**

1989 (379) 1995 (404)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 811 | 4 | * (8.9)' | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 44 | 5.4 (8.0)' | 47.6% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | 363 | 323 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 175 | 13 | 44 | -78.7% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 477 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | 65 | 16.4% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 2.0% (7.0%)' | -42.6% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 55 | 7 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 4.4 (10.7)' | 23 | 5.4 (9.7)' | 21.3% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | * (15.5)' | 7 | * (12.5)' | * (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

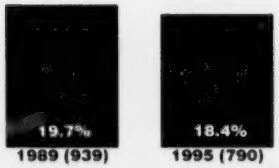
# Wayne County

**1997 Child Population: 4,394 (0.13% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

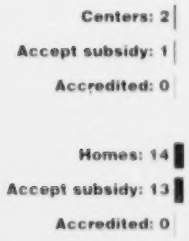
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,437**



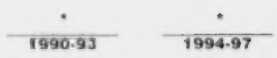

1989 (939) 1995 (790)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 917 | 7 | * (8.9)[1] | * (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 65 | 7.1 (8.0)[1] | 3.0% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 108 | 876 | 454 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 166 | 413 | 25 | 78 | -84.9% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 829 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 129 | 31.1% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 28 | 3.1% (7.0%)[1] | -20.5% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 68 | 6 | * (14.7%)[1] | * (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 9.9 (10.7)[1] | 46 | 10.4 (9.7)[1] | 5.0% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | * (15.5)[1] | 10 | * (12.5)[1] | * (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# White County

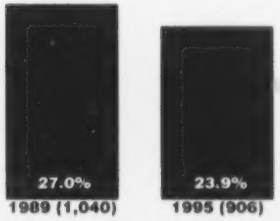
**1997 Child Population: 3,846 (0.12% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,732**




1989 (1,040) 1995 (906)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**

Centers: 6
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 4
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 851 | 5 | * (8.9) | * (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 53 | 6.2 (8.0)' | 1.8% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 107 | 804 | 386 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 198 | 458 | 33 | 110 | -83.3% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 947 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 30 | 95 | 24.0% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | 5.1% (7.0%)' | -28.4% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 71 | 9 | * (14.7%)' | * (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 15.1 (10.7)' | 56 | 14.5 (9.7)' | -4.2% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 3.1 (15.5)' | 12 | 3.1 (12.5)' | 0.0% (-19.1%)' |

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** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

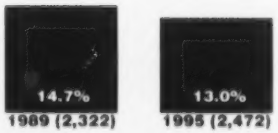
# Whiteside County

**1997 Child Population: 19,554 (0.59% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

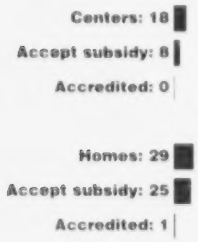
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $30,633**



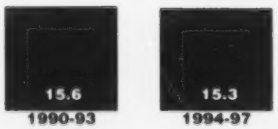

1989 (2,322) 1995 (2,472)

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,866 | 25 | 6.5 (8.9)* | -27.0% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 227 | 5.9 (8.0)* | 7.2% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 180 | 2,021 | 1,381 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 379 | 1,013 | 53 | 234 | -86.0% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 2,453 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 165 | 351 | 22.4% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 143 | 4.4% (7.0%)* | -32.4% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 256 | 45 | 17.6% (14.7%)* | 10.5% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 179 | 10.5 (10.7)* | 236 | 14.0 (9.7)* | 32.9% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | 5.1 (15.5)* | 93 | 5.5 (12.5)* | 9.0% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

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# Will County

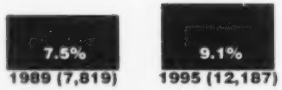
**1997 Child Population: 141,457 (4.24% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

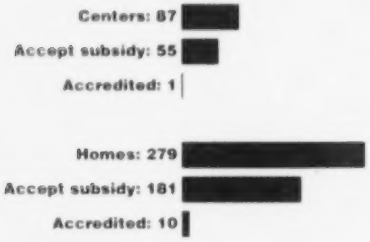
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $38,019**

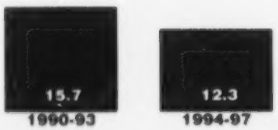



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 18**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32,302 | 219 | 6.8 (8.9)* | -18.1% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 2,109 | 6.5 (8.0)* | -9.2% (-3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 676 | 13,688 | 7,307 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,783 | 7,354 | 1,062 | 3,496 | -61.8% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 15,732 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 639 | 461 | 5.9% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 744 | 3.7% (7.0%)* | -35.0% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 169 | 2,115 | 203 | 9.6% (14.7%)* | -2.0% (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 566 | 4.0 (10.7)* | 487 | 3.4 (9.7)* | -16.6% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 553 | 3.9 (15.5)* | 420 | 2.9 (12.5)* | -26.4% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*

** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*

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# Williamson County

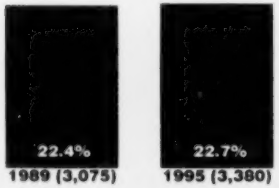
**1997 Child Population: 15,660 (0.47% of Illinois children)**

## Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

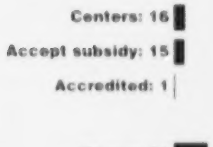
**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $27,782**



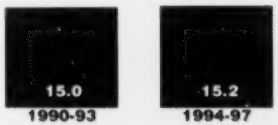

1989 (3,075) 1995 (3,380)

## Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)




## Child Deaths/10,000

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3**

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## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3,461 | 28 | 8.1 (8.9)[1] | -9.0% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 197 | 5.7 (8.0)[1] | 12.8% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| 270 | 3,569 | 1,334 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 877 | 2,098 | 380 | 1,029 | -56.7% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 3,645 | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 194 | 130 | 15.8% (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 109 | 3.8% (7.0%)[1] | -32.3% (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 240 | 32 | 13.3% (14.7%) | 4.6% (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | 13.0 (10.7)[1] | 198 | 12.8 (9.7)[1] | -1.7% (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 5.2 (15.5)[1] | 71 | 4.6 (12.5)[1] | -11.5% (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*[1] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.*

# Winnebago County

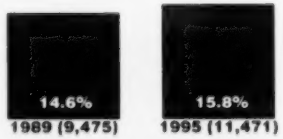
**1997 Child Population: 75,011 (2.25% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**

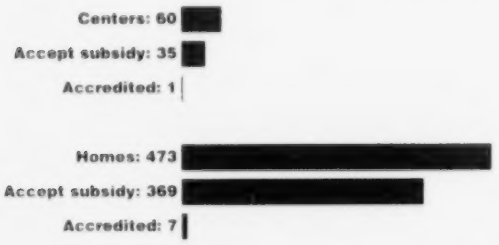
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $32,259**

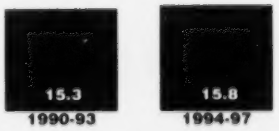



**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 23**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19,443 | 166 | 8.5 (8.9)' | -11.5% (-17.6%)' |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 1,513 | 7.8 (8.0)' | 5.6% (3.9%)' |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 860 | 14,029 | 5,278 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,914 | 8,117 | 988 | 3,541 | -66.1% (-51.7%)' |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 19,502 | NA (52%)' |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 557 | 1,329 | 16.2% (14.1%)' |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 915 | 7.8% (7.0%) | 20.5% (-4.8%)' |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 208 | 1,301 | 247 | 19.0% (14.7%)' | 10.1% (4.3%)' |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,025 | 13.8 (10.7)' | 949 | 12.7 (9.7)' | -7.4% (-9.1%)' |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 734 | 9.9 (15.5)' | 668 | 9.0 (12.5)' | -9.0% (-19.1%)' |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
*' Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# Woodford County

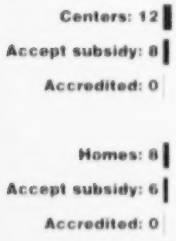
**1997 Child Population: 10,550 (0.32% of Illinois children)**

**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $31,651**

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0**

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2,019 | 12 | 5.9 (8.9)* | -24.4% (-17.6%)* |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 125 | 6.2 (8.0)* | 11.7% (3.9%)* |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 |
|---|---|---|
| 78 | 662 | 750 |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 157 | 375 | 40 | 109 | -74.5% (-51.7%)* |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| 1,749 | NA (52%)* |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | 174 | 16.0% (14.1%)* |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 81 | 3.3% (7.0%)* | 15.4% (-4.8%)* |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 109 | 9 | * (14.7%)* | * (4.3%)* |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 8.0 (10.7)* | 91 | 8.6 (9.7)* | 7.5% (-9.1%)* |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 3.8 (15.5)* | 31 | 2.9 (12.5)* | -23.1% (-19.1%)* |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
** Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state*

# City of Chicago

**1997 Child Population: 721,203 (estimated)**

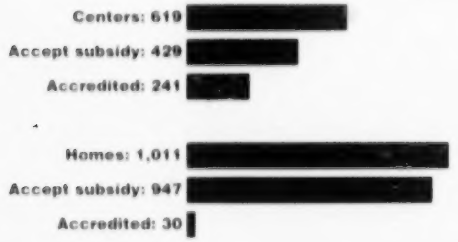
**Children in Poverty**
**(actual number in parentheses)**

**Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: $15,911**

**City self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: $26,418**

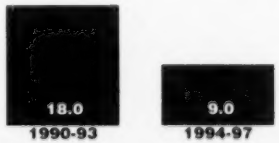
| NA | NA |
|---|---|
| 1989 | 1995 |

**Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)**




**Child Deaths/10,000**

**Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: NA**




## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Infant Mortality, 1993-97

| Live births | Infant deaths | Deaths/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 274,799 | 3,322 | 12.1 (8.9)[1] | -20.4% (-17.6%)[1] |

### Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

| Babies with low birth weight | Rate/1,000 | % change since 1988-92 |
|---|---|---|
| 29,658 | 10.8 (8.0)[1] | 0.6% (3.9%)[1] |

### Child Health Insurance, 1999

| Children enrolled in KidCare | Children enrolled in Medicaid | Est. number of uninsured children, 1999 |
|---|---|---|
| NA | NA | NA |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

| Grantees, 1996 | Children, 1996 | Grantees, 1999 | Children, 1999 | % change in grantees, 1996-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92,163 (est.) | NA | 52,344 (est.) | NA | -47.6% (-51.7%)[1] |

### Child Support, 1998

| Child support cases | % of child support collected |
|---|---|
| NA | NA (52%)[1] |

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

| Children in Head Start | Children in Pre-K | % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K |
|---|---|---|
| 14,443 | 19,063 | NA (14.1%)[1] |

### High School Dropouts, 1997-98

| High school dropouts | Dropout rate | % change since 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|
| 17,328 | 17.6% (7.0%)[1] | NA (-4.8%)[1] |

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

| Children born to NFAR, 1992 | All 1st births, 1997 | Children born to NFAR, 1997 | Percent, 1997 | % change 1992 to 1997 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,113 | 15,874 | 3,668 | 23.1% (14.7%)[1] | 0.6% (4.3%)[1] |

### Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

| Cases, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Cases, 1998 | Rate per/1,000, 1998 | % change from 1997 to 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10,694 | 14.8 (10.7)[1] | 9,403 | NA (9.7)[1] | NA (-9.1%)[1] |

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

| Children in substitute care, 1997 | Rate/1,000, 1997 | Children in substitute care, 1999 | Rate/1,000, 1999 | % change from 1997 to 1999 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34,173 | 47.4 (15.5)[1] | 27,204 | NA (12.5)[1] | NA (-19.1%)[1] |

*NA = Not Available*
** Data were insufficient to calculate a rate*
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# Definitions and Sources:

Numbers and percentages in the state and county pages may not add due to rounding error.

## CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Child Deaths

Child deaths for 1990-1993 were computed by dividing all the deaths for persons between 1-18 years of age by the total number of persons that age in 1991 and multiplying by 10,000. Child deaths for 1994-1997 were computed similarly using total number of persons that age in 1995. The years were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates. A single year (1991 & 1995) was used to calculate a rate because of the lack of general population data. This technique is used and recommended by the Population Reference Bureau and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

*Source: Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Community Health & Prevention (http://state.il.us/agency/dhs/)*

### Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate was computed by dividing the number of deaths of persons under one year of age by the total number of live births that year and multiplying by 1,000. The years 1988 to 1992 and 1993 to 1997 were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates.

*Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (http://www.idph/state.il.us/)*

### Low Birth Weight

The low birth-weight rate was computed by dividing the number of low birth-weight babies (less than 5.5 pounds) by the total number of live births that year and multiplying by 100. The years 1988 to 1992 and 1993 to 1997 were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates.

*Source: Illinois Department of Public Health*

### Child Health Insurance

The estimated number of uninsured children in a county was derived by using Current Population Survey Data (1994-1998) and the 1990 U.S. Census, STF-3 data file. An estimate was calculated by determining the probability of being uninsured for children with particular characteristics (for example, the probability that a child age 3, whose family income is 150 percent of poverty, and who lives in an urban area will have no health insurance.) This probability was then applied to the number of children in 1990 with those characteristics.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Northern Illinois University*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

### Children in Poverty

The numbers and rates of children in poverty are based on the 1990 Census and the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau (http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe.html)*

### Families and Children on TANF

Grantees refers to TANF recipients in the "available to work" category defined by the Illinois Department of Human Services, which does not include pregnant women or child-only cases.

*Source: Illinois Department of Human Services*

### Child Support

This indicator represents the number of active child support cases, according to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Due to a change in accounting systems, the Department of Public Aid was unable to provide caseload data for previous years. The percent of support collected represents the collection on cases within the state/federal child support enforcement program, as reported by the Office of Child Support Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

*Source: Illinois Department of Public Aid (http://state.il.us/dpa/)*
*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement (http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse)*

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

### Head Start and PreKindergarten Enrollment

The Head Start program serves children ages 3-5 who, due to economic factors, are at risk of educational failure. A rate was constructed by comparing the figures to the estimated 3-5 year-old population in 1998.

*Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 5, Office of Head Start Administration.*

Children in PreKindergarten refers to the number of children ages 3-5 enrolled in the Illinois State Board of Education's Children at Risk of Academic Failure program in FY98. A rate was constructed by comparing enrollment figures to the estimated 3-5 year-old population in 1998.

*Source: Illinois State Board of Education, Early Childhood Education Section. (http://www.isbe.state.il.us/)*

Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau for children ages 3-5 years are used as the population base for Head Start and PreKindergarten programs, although these programs primarily serve low-income and other at-risk children. The percent of children served does not represent need. The figures for children ages 3-5 in poverty are not available by county.

### High School Dropouts

The number and rate of high school dropouts were provided by the State Board of Education, and refer to all dropouts among students in grades 9 through 12.

*Source: Illinois State Board of Education*

### Licensed Child Care Providers

The data on licensed child care providers includes information on the number of providers willing to accept a DHS certificate or DHS voucher. This does not count the actual number of children receiving subsidies, only the number of providers indicating that they will accept a child care subsidy. Accredited providers refers to centers and homes that have been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Child Care Association or the National Association for Family Child Care.

*Source: Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA)*
*http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/~ILCare/*

## VULNERABLE FAMILIES

### New Families At Risk

This indicator refers to the number of first births where the mother was under the age of twenty, had less than twelve years of schooling, and was unmarried at the time of the birth of her child. The number is then divided by the total number of the first births to obtain a percentage of first births where the mother had these characteristics. State new families at risk totals include 11 births in 1992 and 2 births in 1997 whose place of residence was unknown.

*Source: Illinois Department of Public Health*

### Child Abuse and Neglect

An "indicated" case refers to those children where the Department of Children and Family Services found evidence that abuse or neglect occurred. This number is smaller

than the number of reported cases, some of which are eventually proven unfounded. We present unduplicated counts, meaning that a child was only counted once during a given year, regardless of the number of times an indication was made. A rate was constructed by comparing these figures to the under 19 population. State child abuse and neglect total includes 1432 children in 1997 and 1286 children in 1998 with unknown, out of state or out of country residence.

*Source: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (http://state.il.us/dcfs/)*

### Children in Foster/Substitute Care

This indicator represents the number of children in the Department of Children and Family Services' custody living in out-of-home placements, not including children who are runaways or homeless. The data provided are from March 1997 and March 1999. A rate was constructed by comparing these figures to the under 19 population. The state substitute care totals include 2,284 children in 1997 and 1,663 children in 1999 with unknown, out of state or out of country residence.

*Source: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services*

## DETERMINATION OF RURAL AND URBAN

For the purposes of this report, a rural county is defined as one which is not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. All other counties are considered urban. By this definition, there are 74 rural counties in Illinois.

Additional sources for information on children and families:

American Academy of Pediatrics – http://www.aap.org
American Public Human Services Association – http://www.aphsa.org/
Asset-Based Community Development Institute – http://www.nwu.edu/IPR/abcd.html
The Chapin Hall Center for Children – http://www.chapin.uchicago.edu/
Children's Defense Fund – http://www.childrensdefense.org/
Chicago Early Childhood News Network – http://www.ecnewsnet.org/
Connect for Kids – http://www.connectforkids.org/
Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children – http://www.ilaeyc.org/
National Association of Child Advocates – http://www.childadvocacy.org/
National Association for the Education of Young Children – http://www.naeyc.org/
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy – http://www.teenpregnancy.org/
National Center for Education Statistics – http://nces.ed.gov/
National Center for Health Statistics – http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
RAND – http://www.rand.org/
The Urban Institute – http://www.urban.org/

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